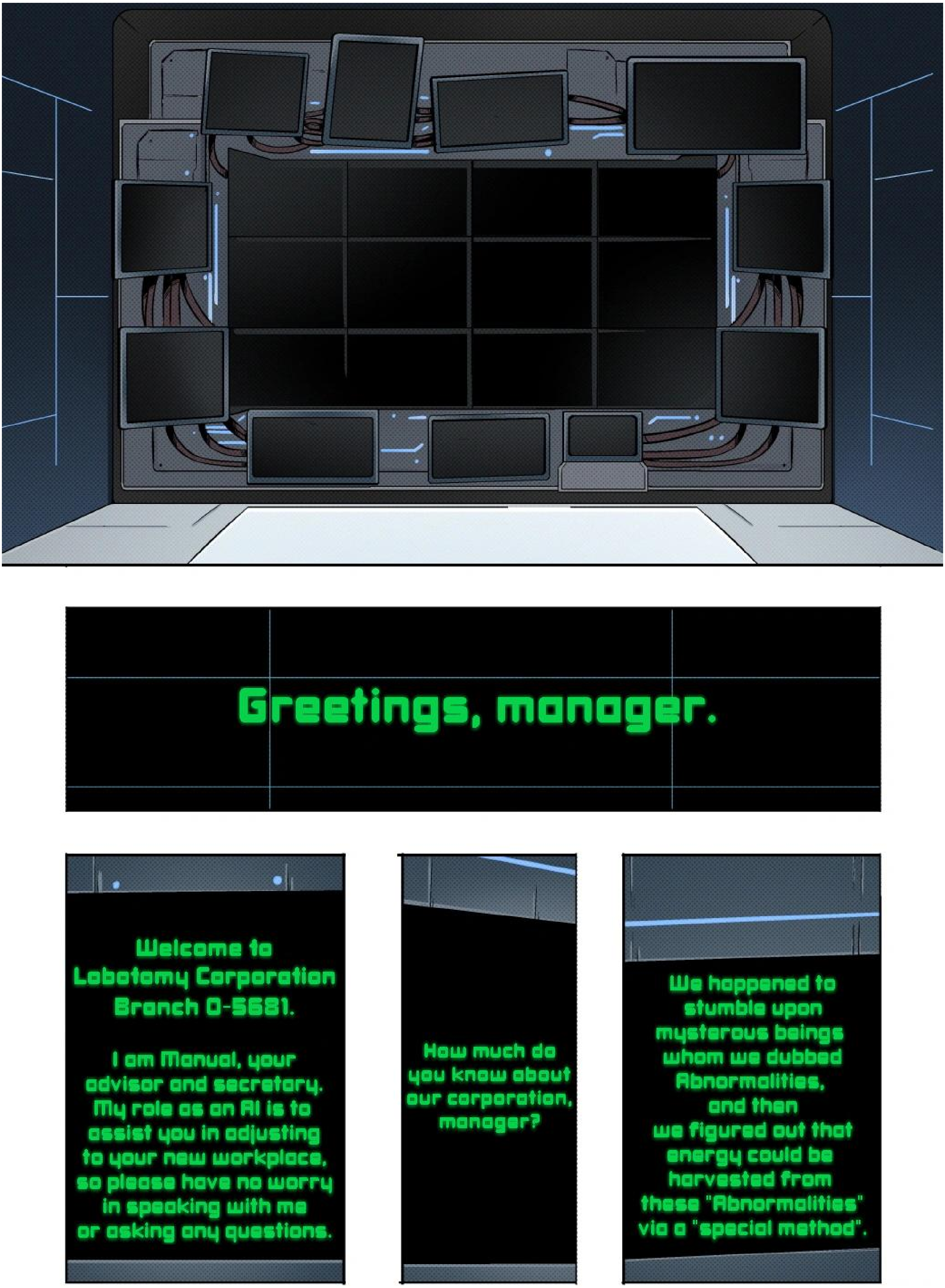

Greetings, manager.
Welcome to Lobotomy Corporation Branch 0-5681.
I am Manual, your advisor and secretary. My role as an AI is to assist you in adjusting to your new workplace, so please have no worry in speaking with me or asking any questions.
How much do you know about our corporation, manager?
We happened to stumble upon mysterous beings whom we dubbed Abnormalities, and then we figured out that energy could be harvested from these "Abnormalities" via a "special method".

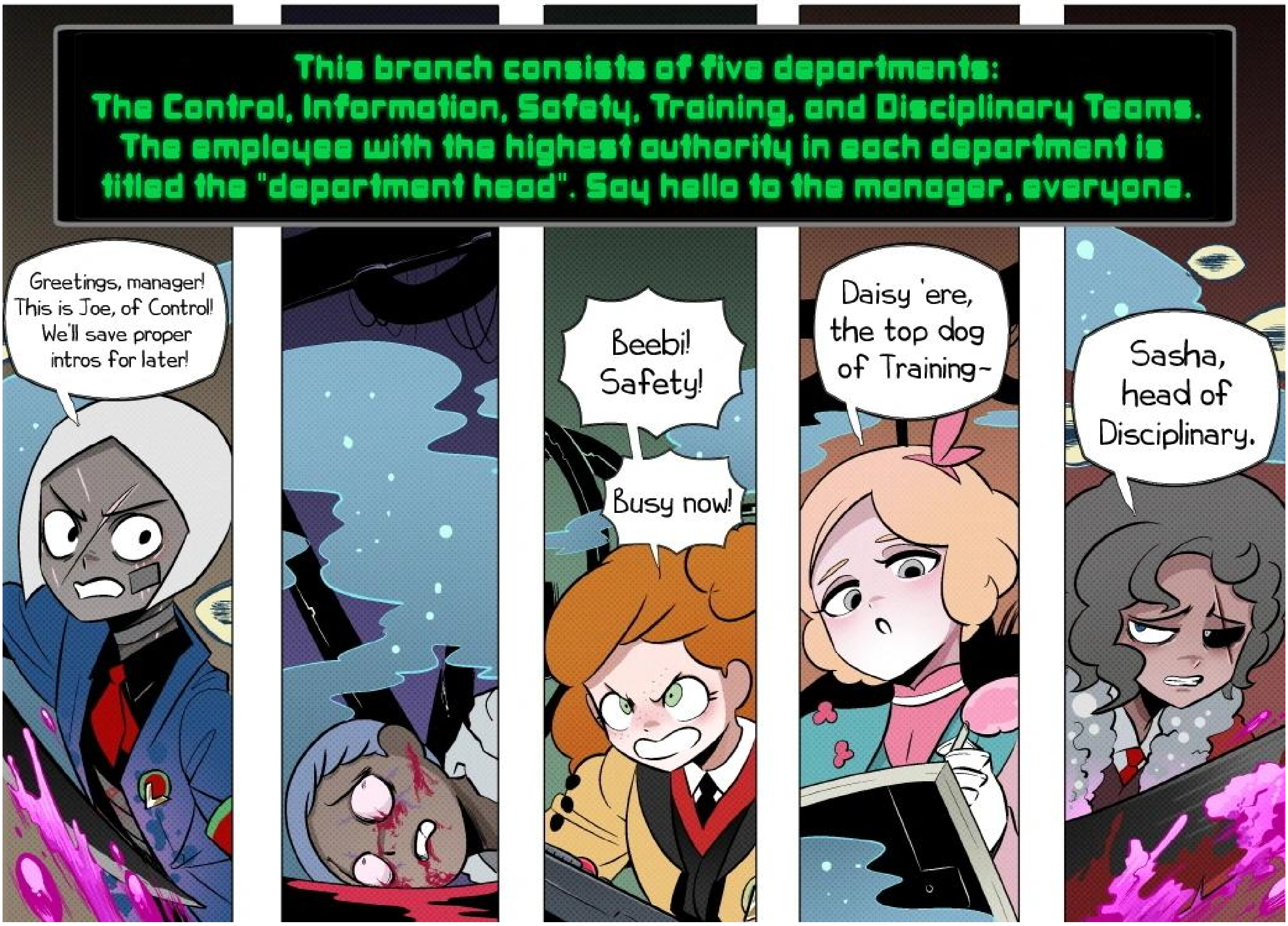
To isolate them in a controlled environment, and then to harvest energy from them.

For this discovery, our corporation became one of the major corporations that lead this world—the Wings.

There is no need for you to be concerned with the Abnormalities yourself.
Your role is to simply direct the process of energy production.
Our employees will be in charge of managing Abnormalities.

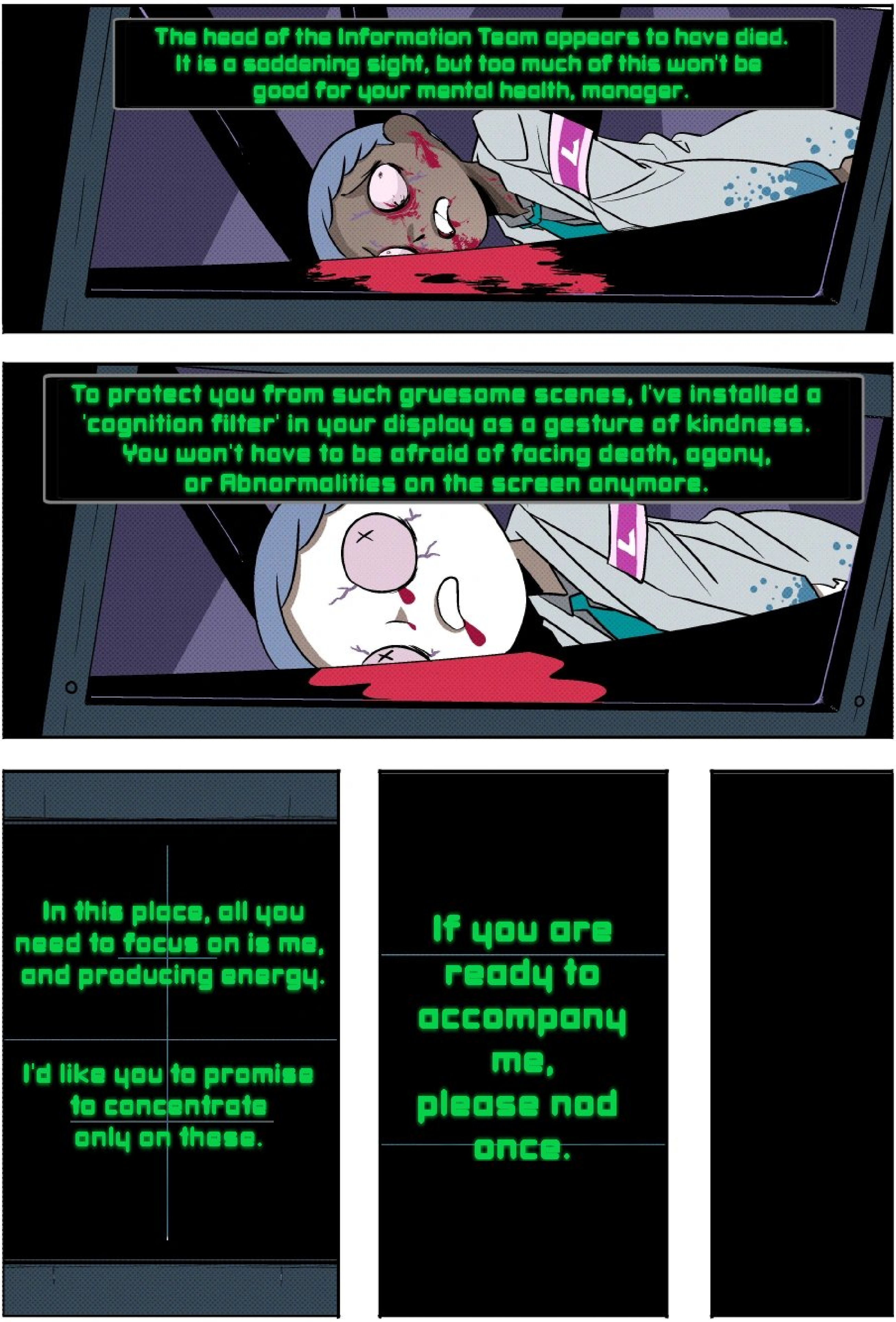
It's about time we greeted them.

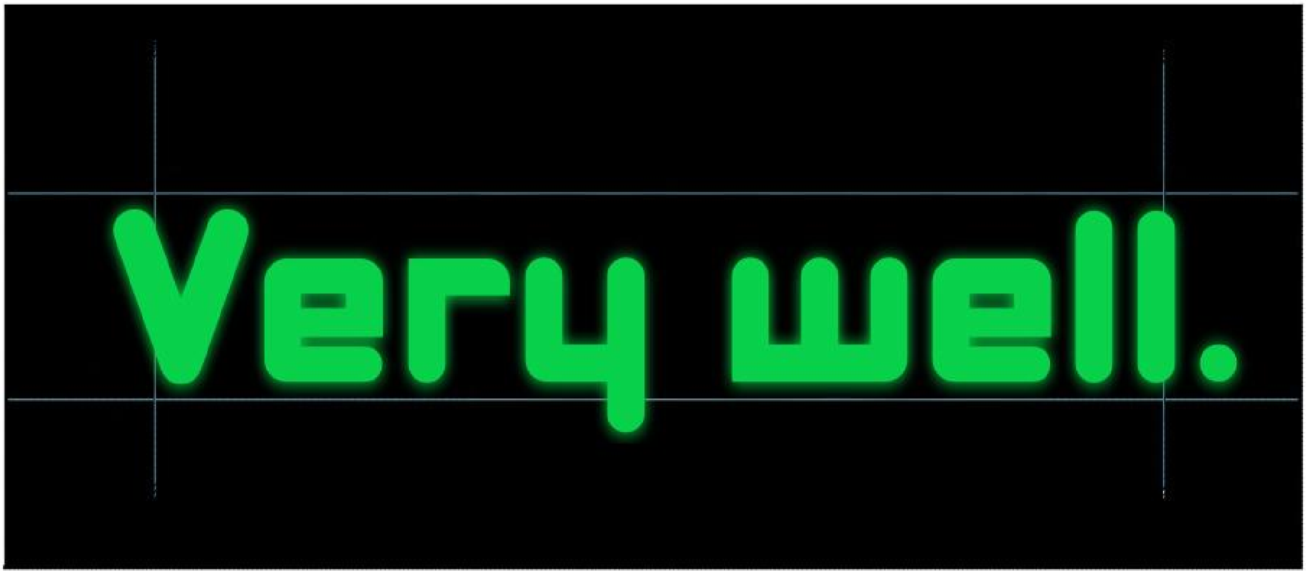
Shall we?

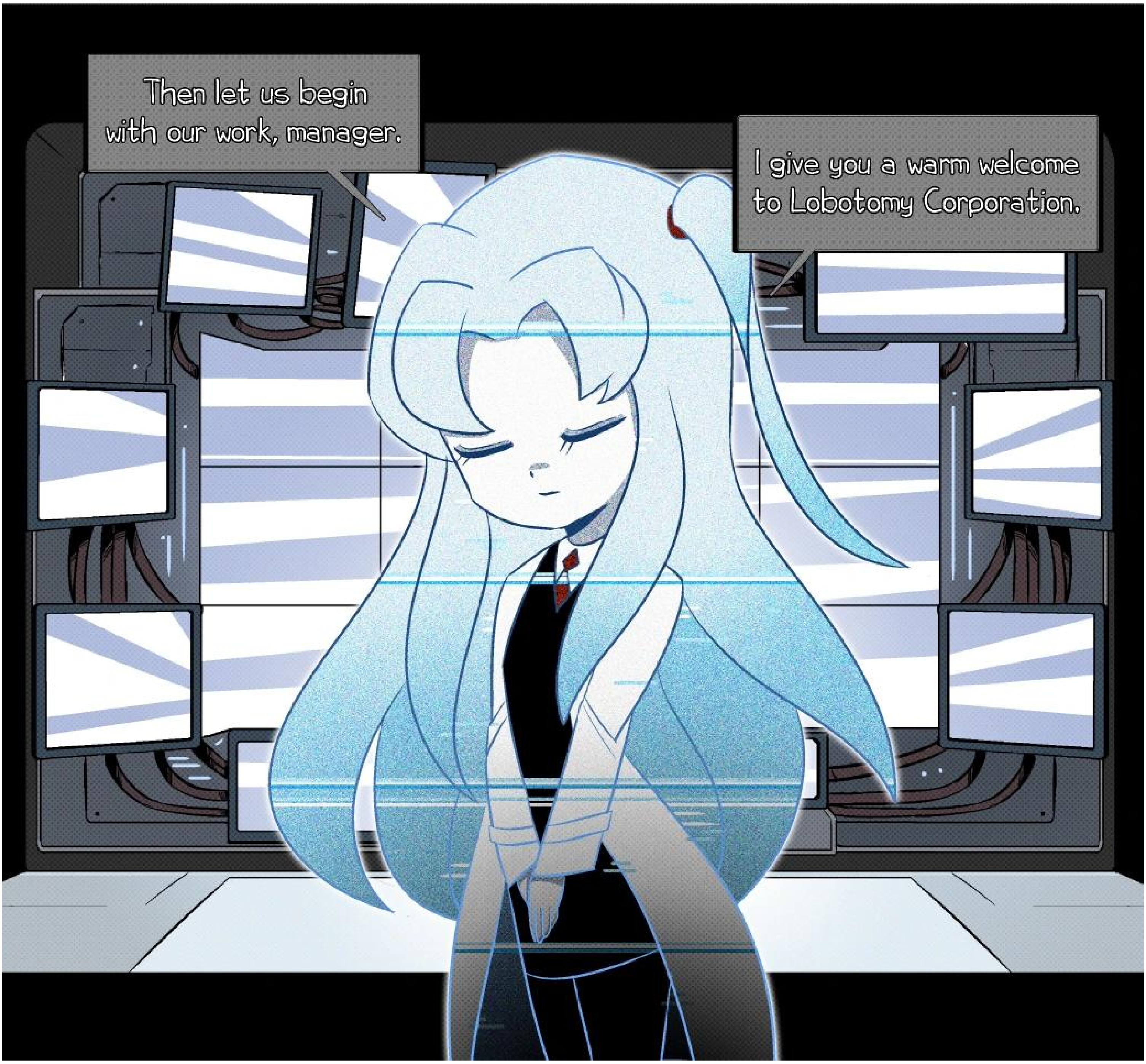


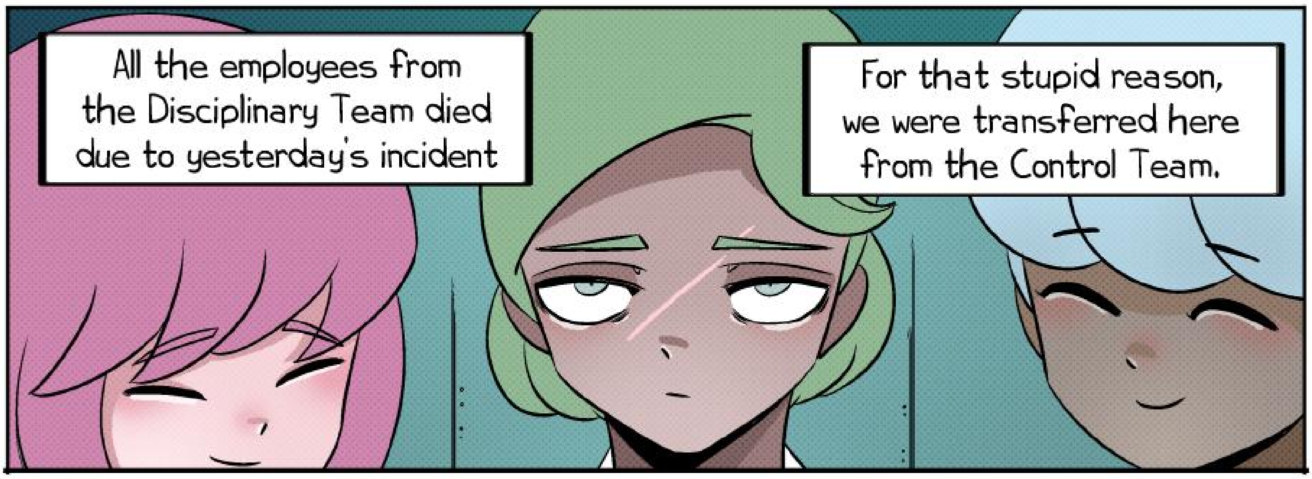
This branch consists of five departments:
The Control, Information, Safety, Training, and Disciplinary Teams.
The employee with the highest authority in each department is titled the "department head". Say hello to the manager, everyone.

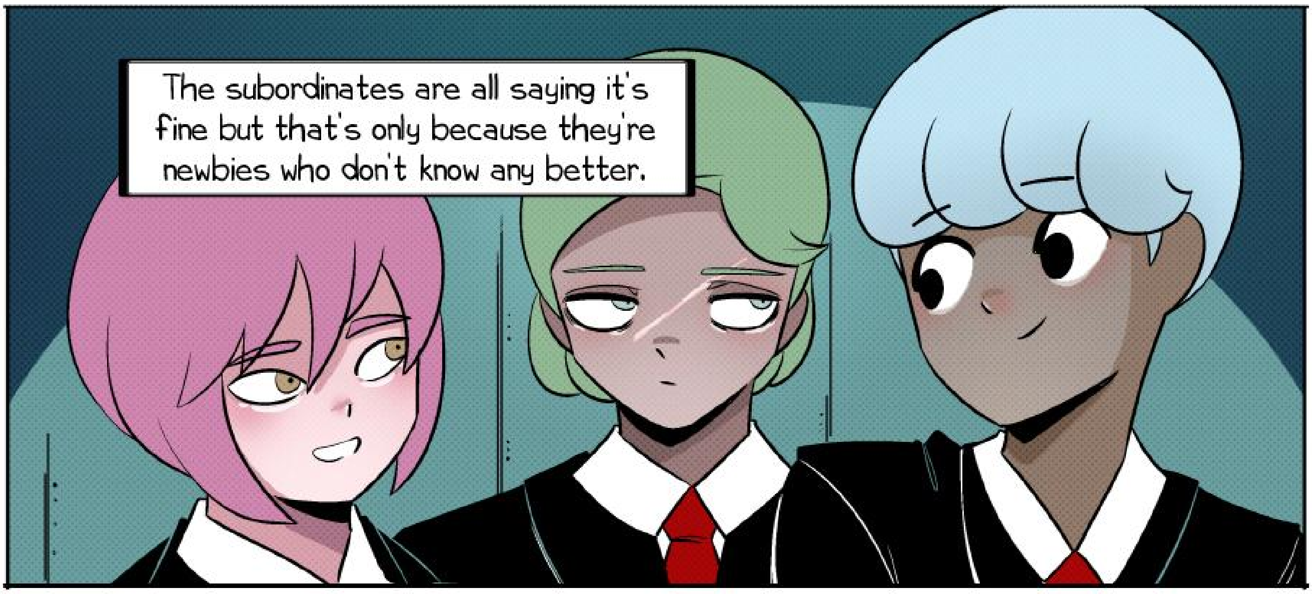
Greetings, manager! This is Joe, of Control! We'll save proper intros for later!
Beebi! Safety!
Busy now!
Daisy 'ere, the top dog of Training~
Sasha, head of Disciplinary.

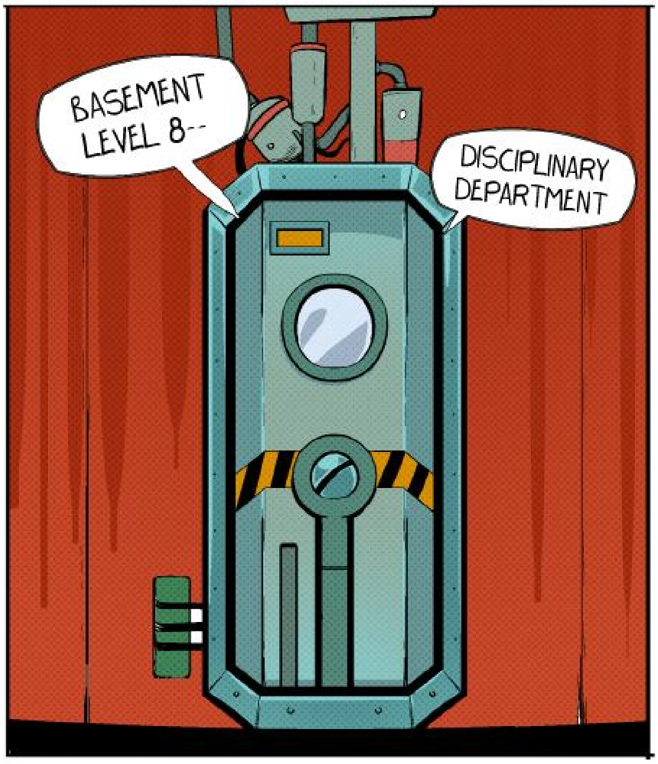

The head of the Information Team appears to have died. It is a saddening sight, but too much of this won't be good for your mental health, manager.
7
To protect you from such gruesome scenes, I've installed a 'cognition filter' in your display as a gesture of kindness. You won't have to be afraid of facing death, agony, or Abnormalities on the screen anymore.
7
In this place, all you need to focus on is me, and producing energy.
I'd like you to promise to concentrate only on these.
If you are ready to accompany me, please nod once.

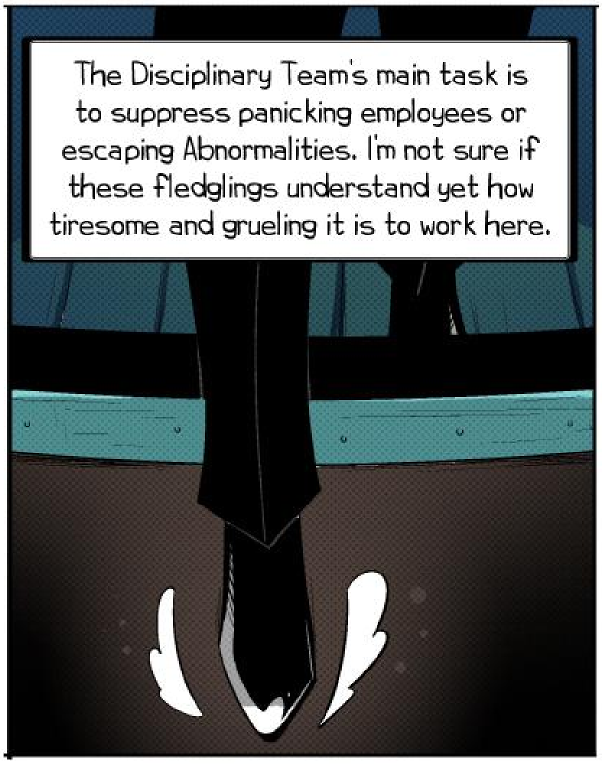

Very well.

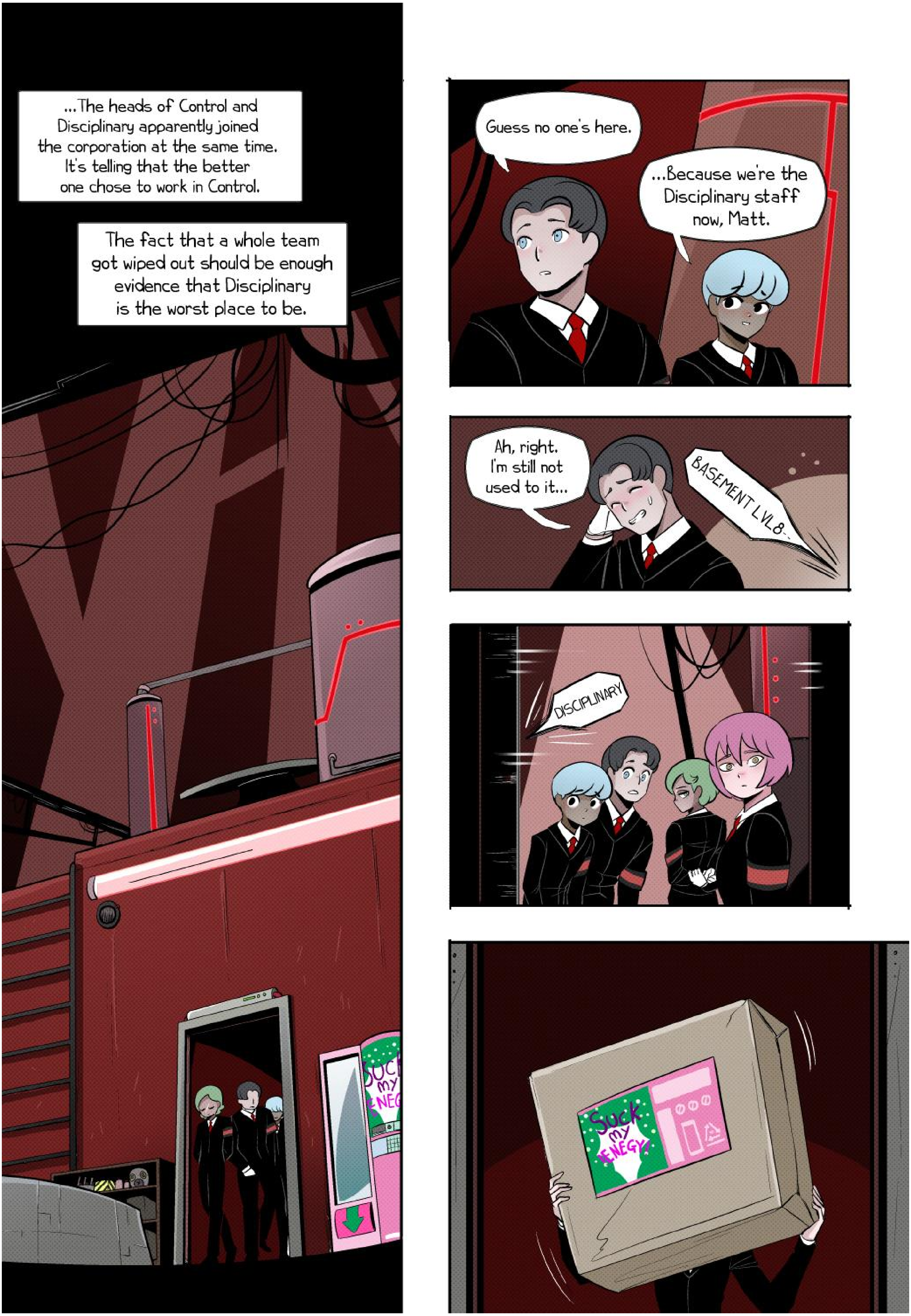

I give you a warm welcome to Lobotomy Corporation.
Then let us begin with our work, manager.

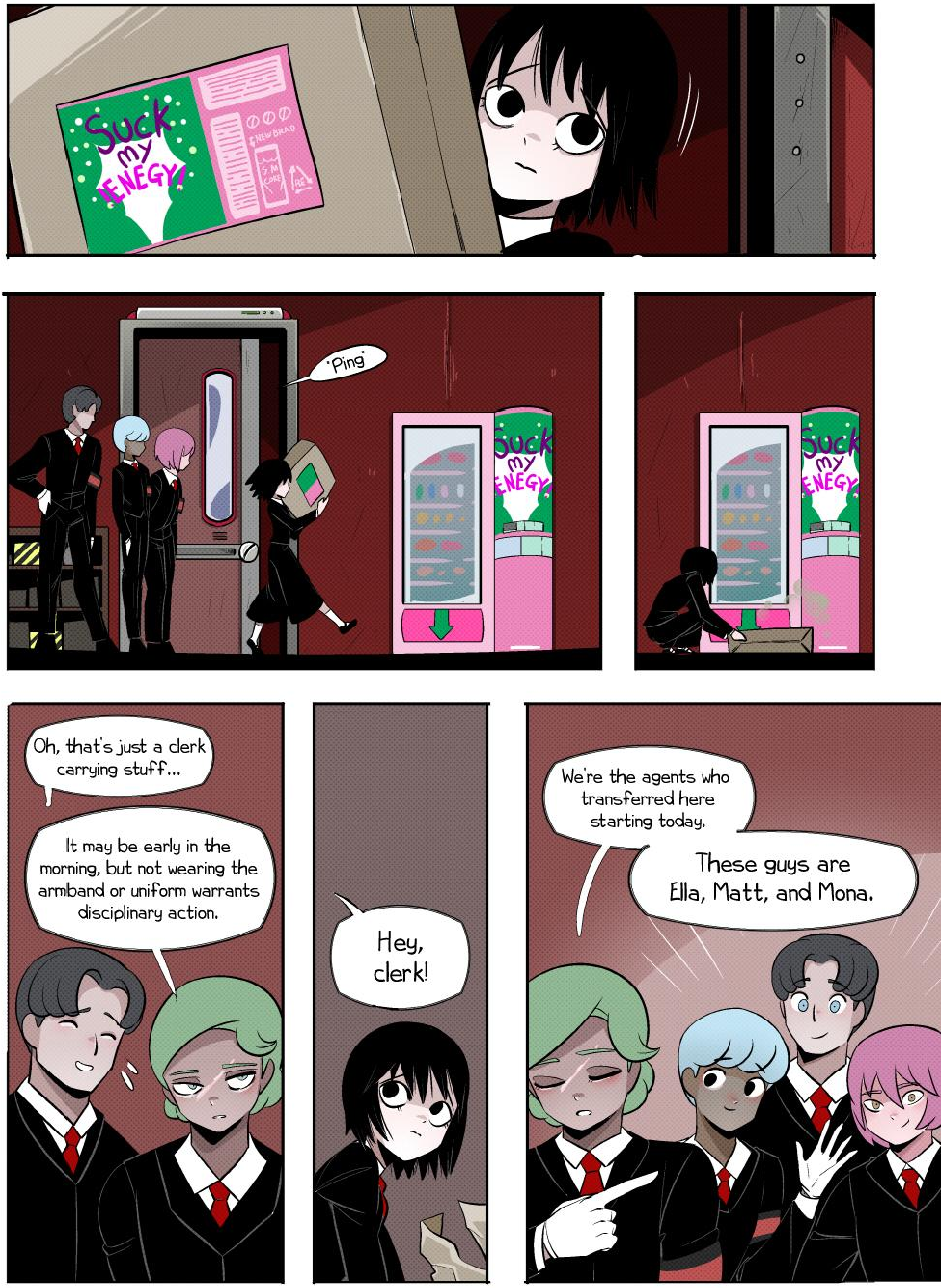

All the employees from the Disciplinary Team died due to yesterday's incident
For that stupid reason, we were transferred here from the Control Team.

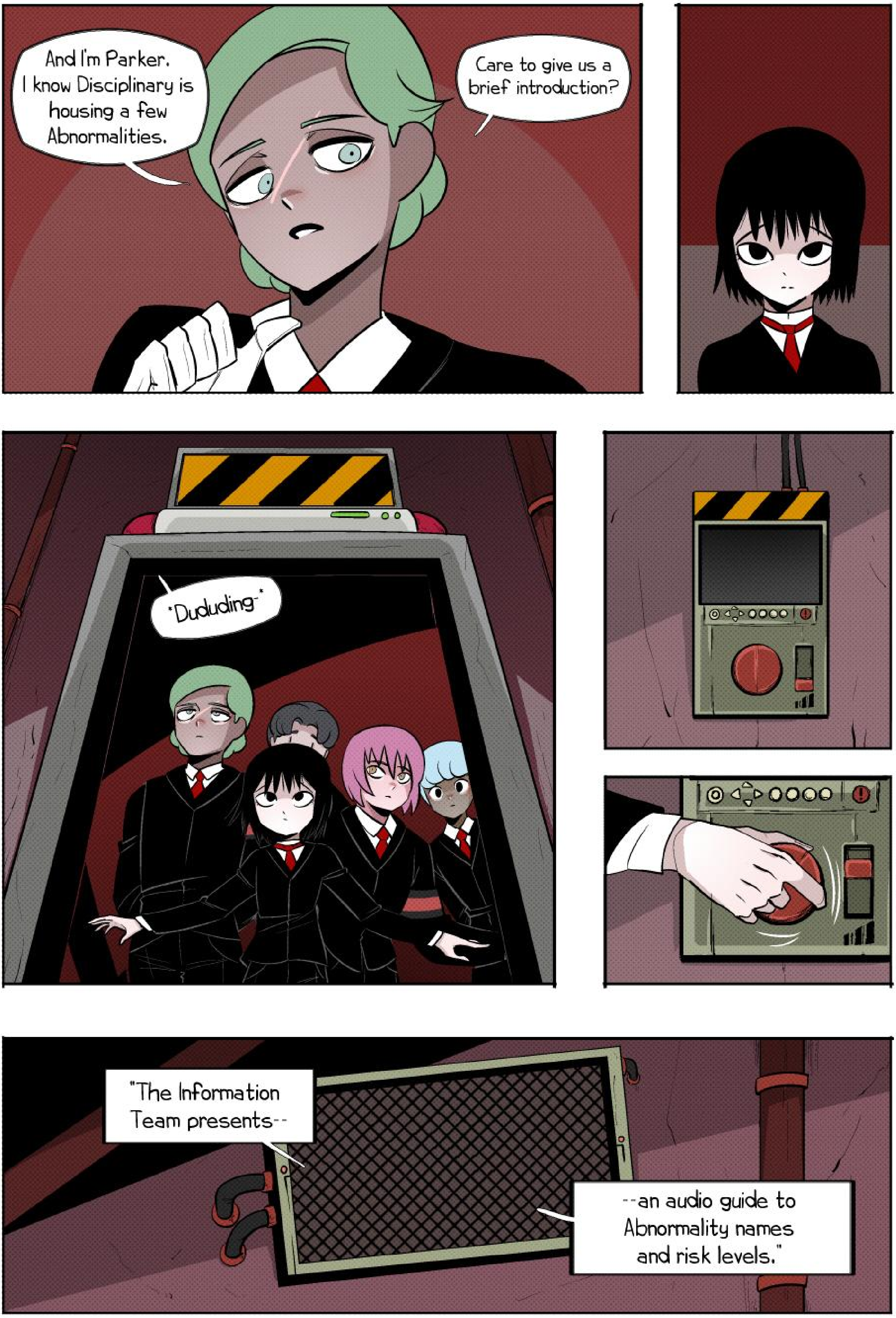

The subordinates are all saying it's fine but that's only because they're newbies who don't know any better.

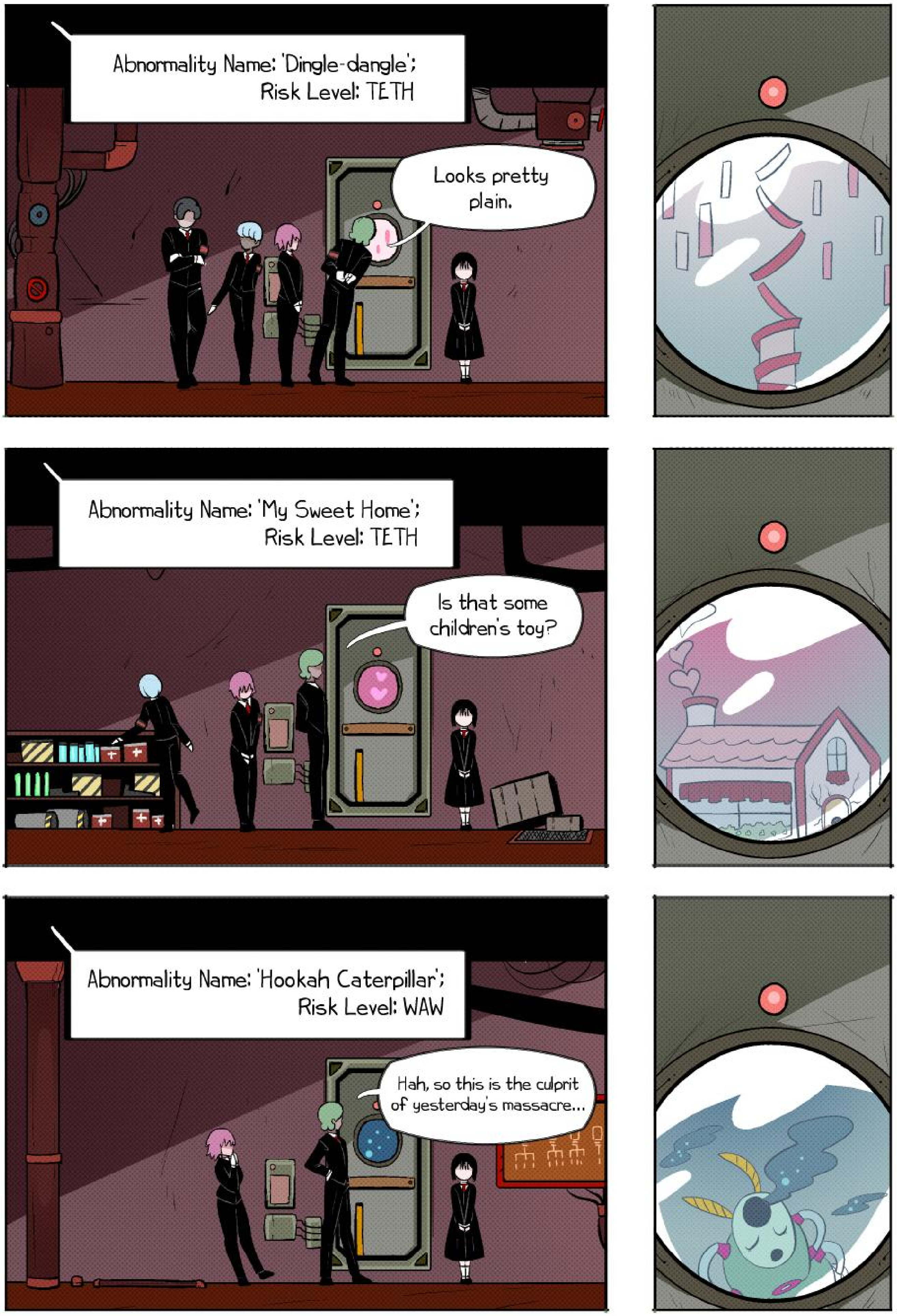

BASEMENT LEVEL 8--
DISCIPLINARY DEPARTMENT

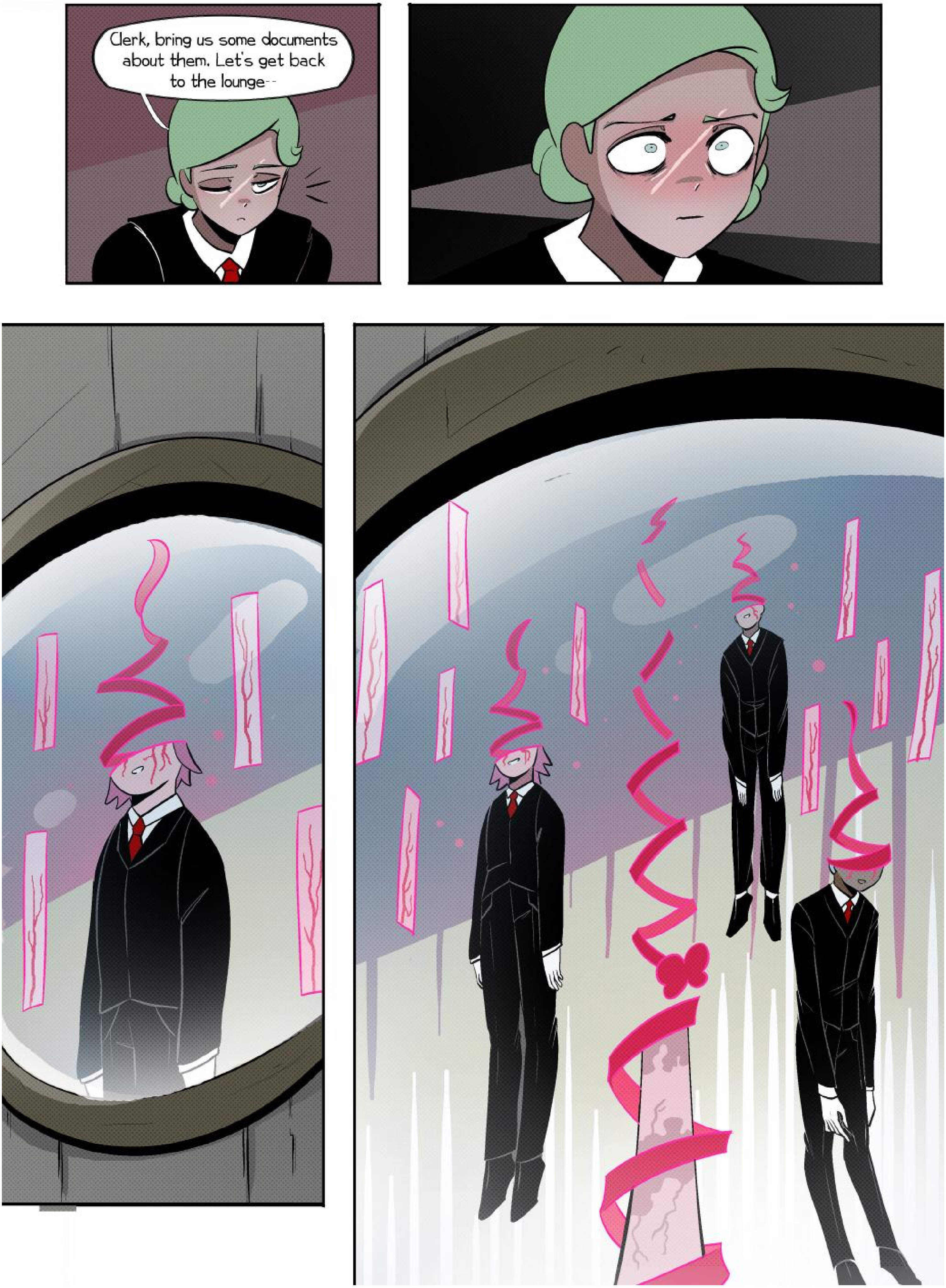

The Disciplinary Team's main task is to suppress panicking employees or escaping Abnormalities. I'm not sure if these fledglings understand yet how tiresome and grueling it is to work here.

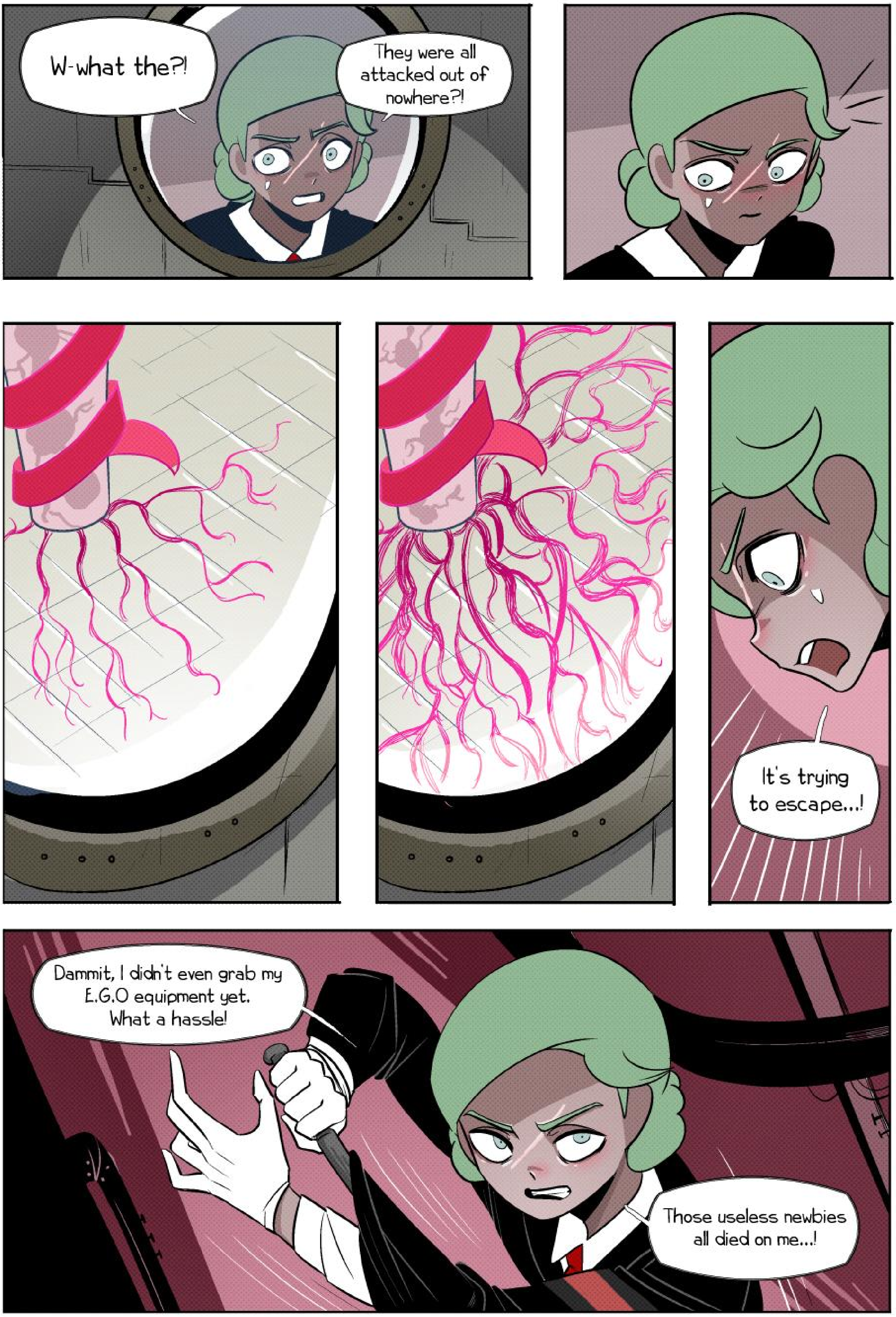

...The heads of Control and Disciplinary apparently joined the corporation at the same time. It's telling that the better one chose to work in Control.
The fact that a whole team got wiped out should be enough evidence that Disciplinary is the worst place to be.
Suck my Enegy
Guess no one's here.
...Because we're the Disciplinary staff now, Matt.
Ah, right. I'm still not used to it...
BASEMENT LVL8
DISCIPLINARY
Suck my Enegy!

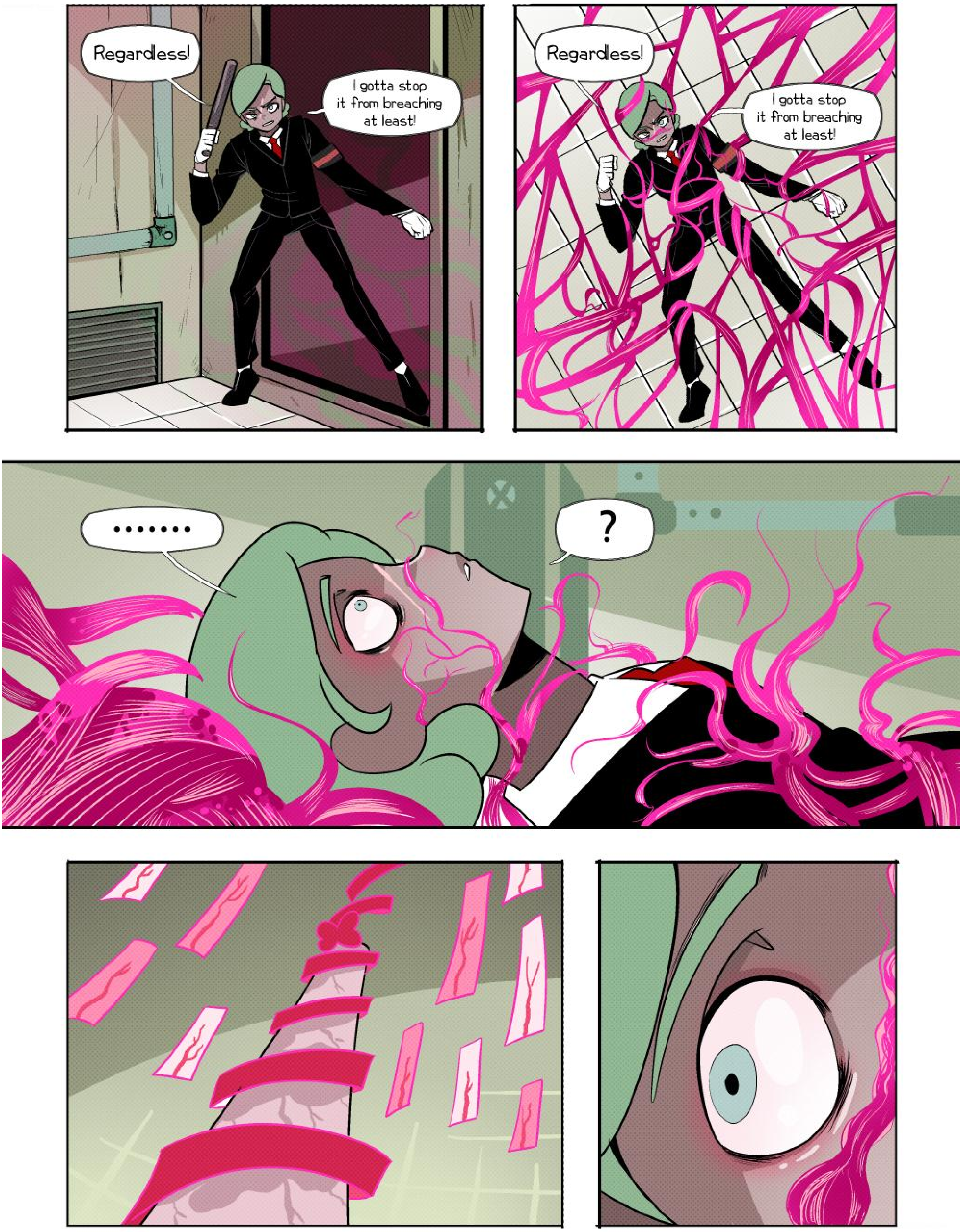

Suck my ENEGY!
NEW BRAD
'Ping'
Suck my ENEGY!
Suck my ENEGY!
Oh, that's just a clerk carrying stuff...
It may be early in the morning, but not wearing the armband or uniform warrants disciplinary action.
Hey, clerk!
We're the agents who transferred here starting today.
These guys are Ella, Matt, and Mona.


And I'm Parker. I know Disciplinary is housing a few Abnormalities.
Care to give us a brief introduction?
Dududing
"The Information Team presents--
--an audio guide to Abnormality names and risk levels."


Abnormality Name: 'Dingle-dangle';
Risk Level: TETH
Looks pretty plain.
Abnormality Name: 'My Sweet Home';
Risk Level: TETH
Is that some children's toy?
Abnormality Name: 'Hookah Caterpillar';
Risk Level: WAW
Hah, so this is the culprit of yesterday's massacre...


Clerk, bring us some documents about them. Let's get back to the lounge--


W-what the?!
They were all attacked out of nowhere?!
It's trying to escape...!
Dammit, I didn't even grab my E.G.O equipment yet. What a hassle!
Those useless newbies all died on me...!


Regardless!
I gotta stop it from breaching at least!
Regardless!
I gotta stop it from breaching at least!
....
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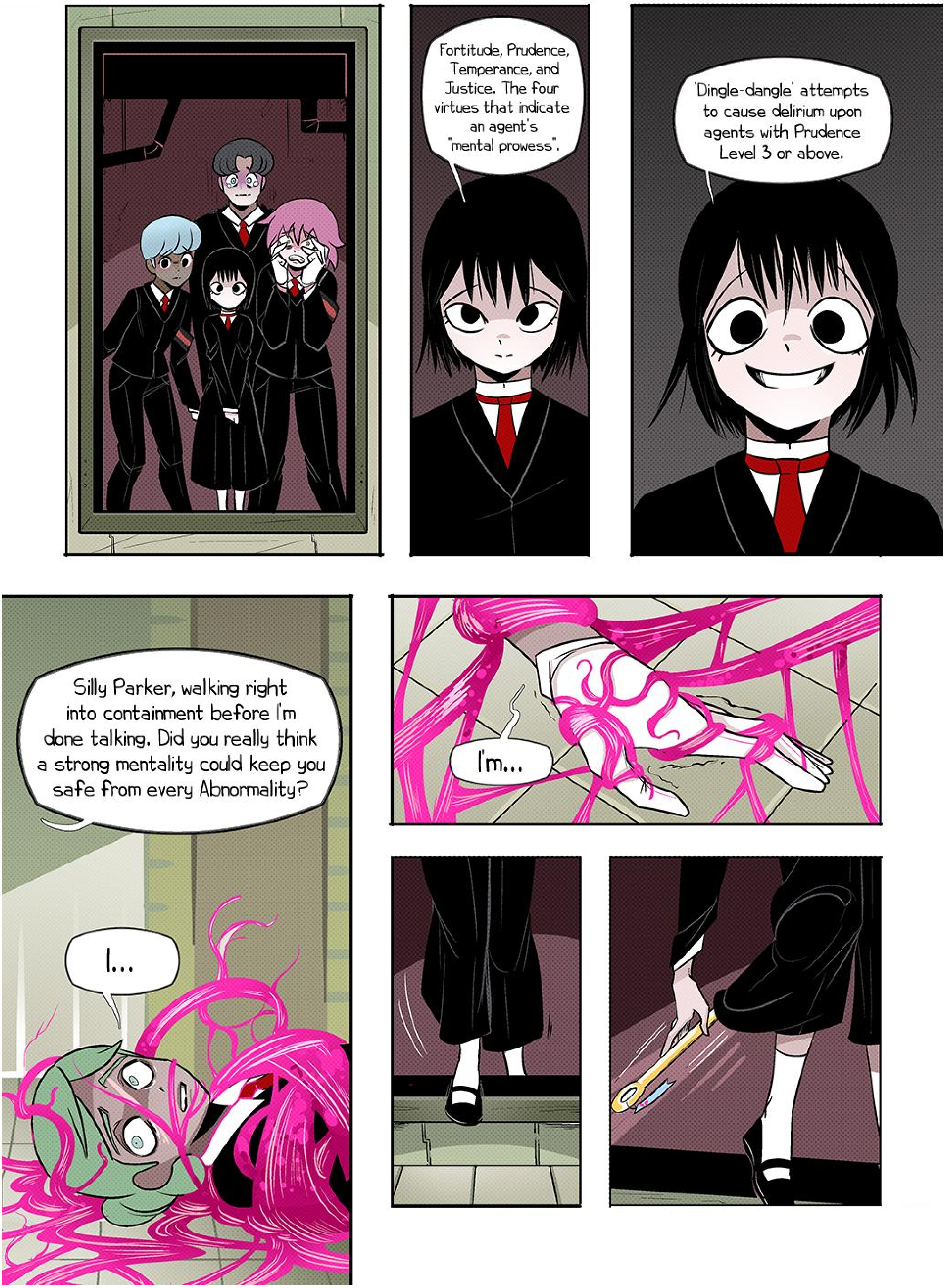
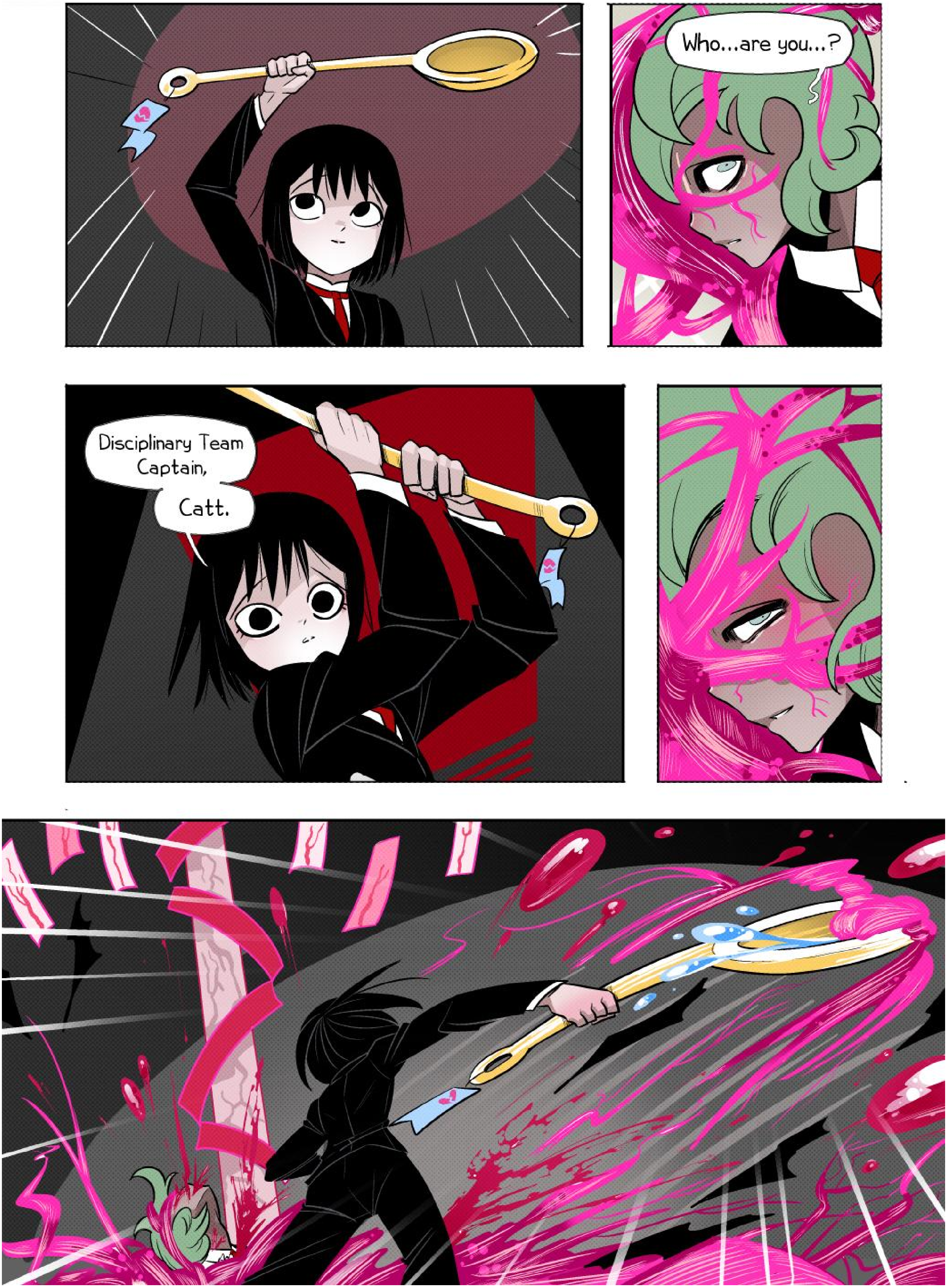
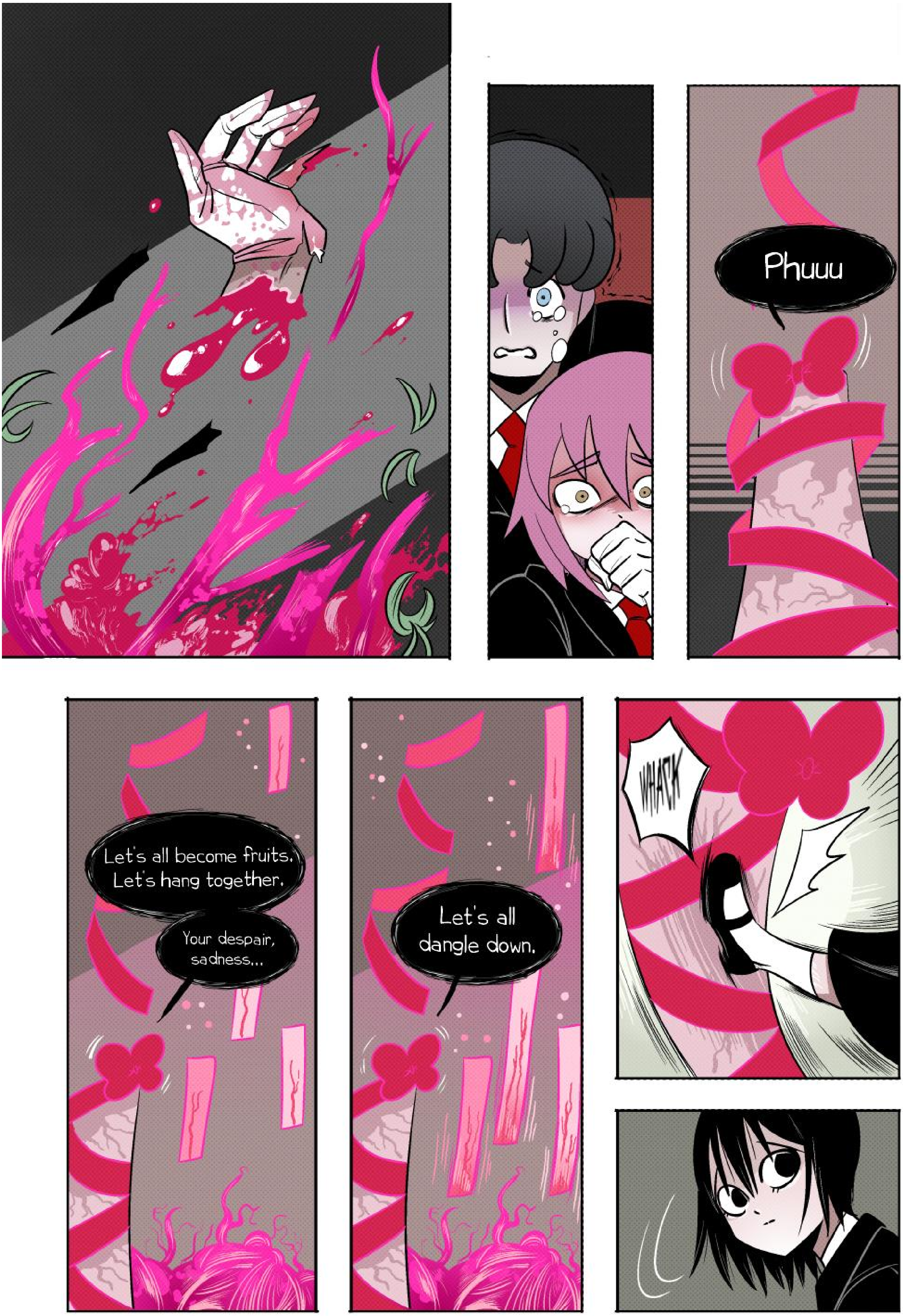

Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice. The four virtues that indicate an agent's "mental prowess".
'Dingle-dangle' attempts to cause delirium upon agents with Prudence Level 3 or above.
Silly Parker, walking right into containment before I'm done talking. Did you really think a strong mentality could keep you safe from every Abnormality?
I...
I'm...


Who...are you...?
Disciplinary Team Captain,
Catt.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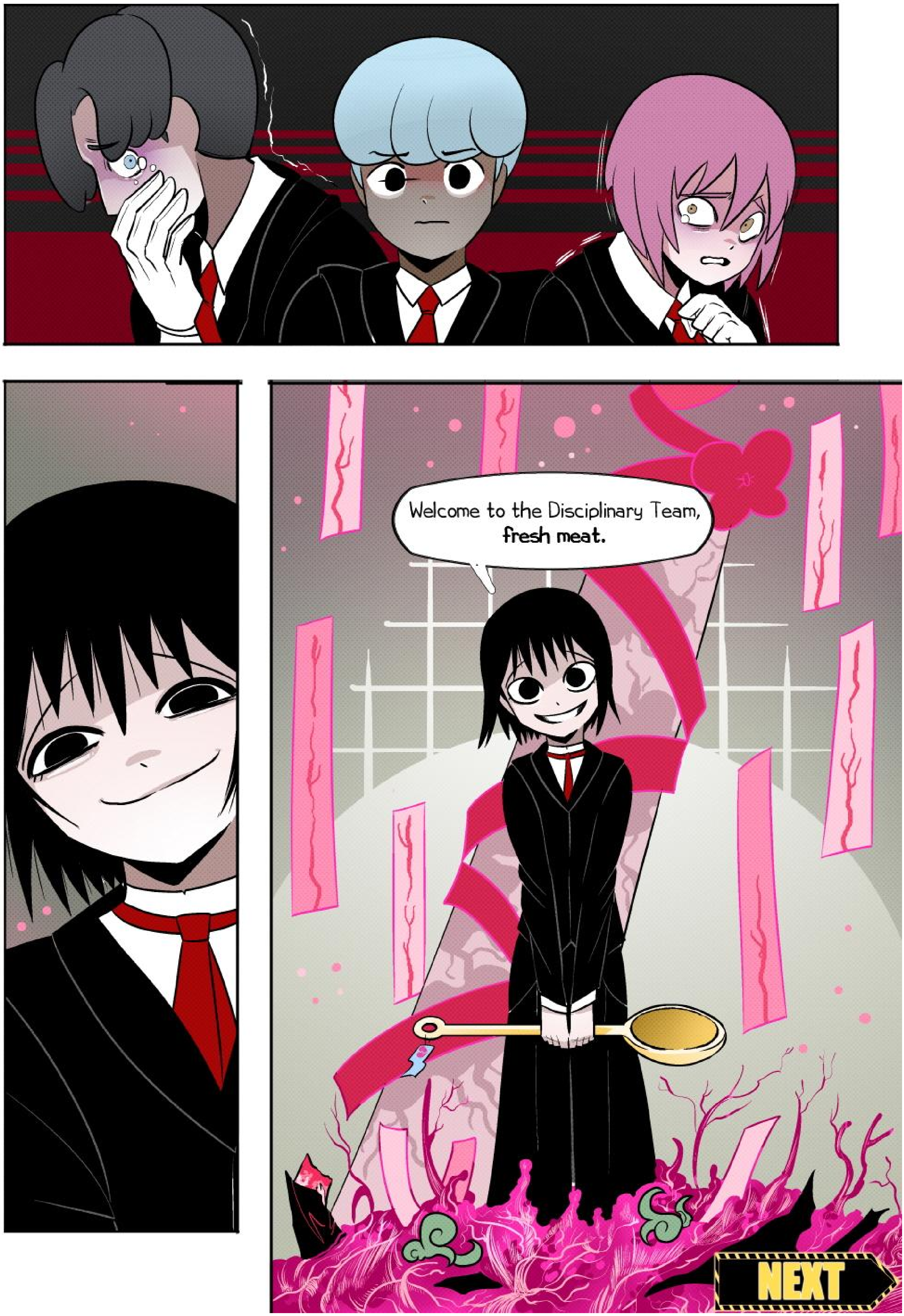
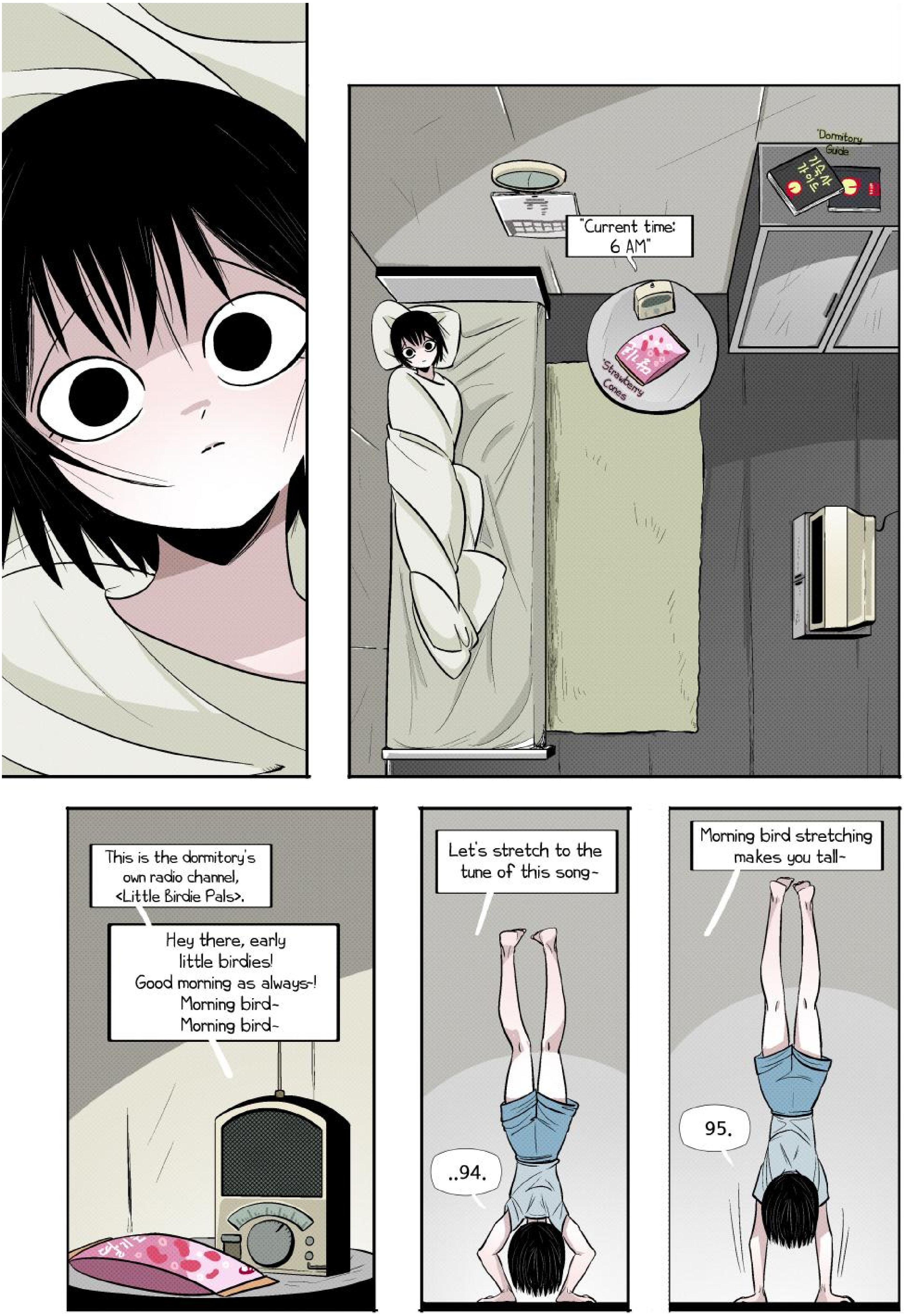
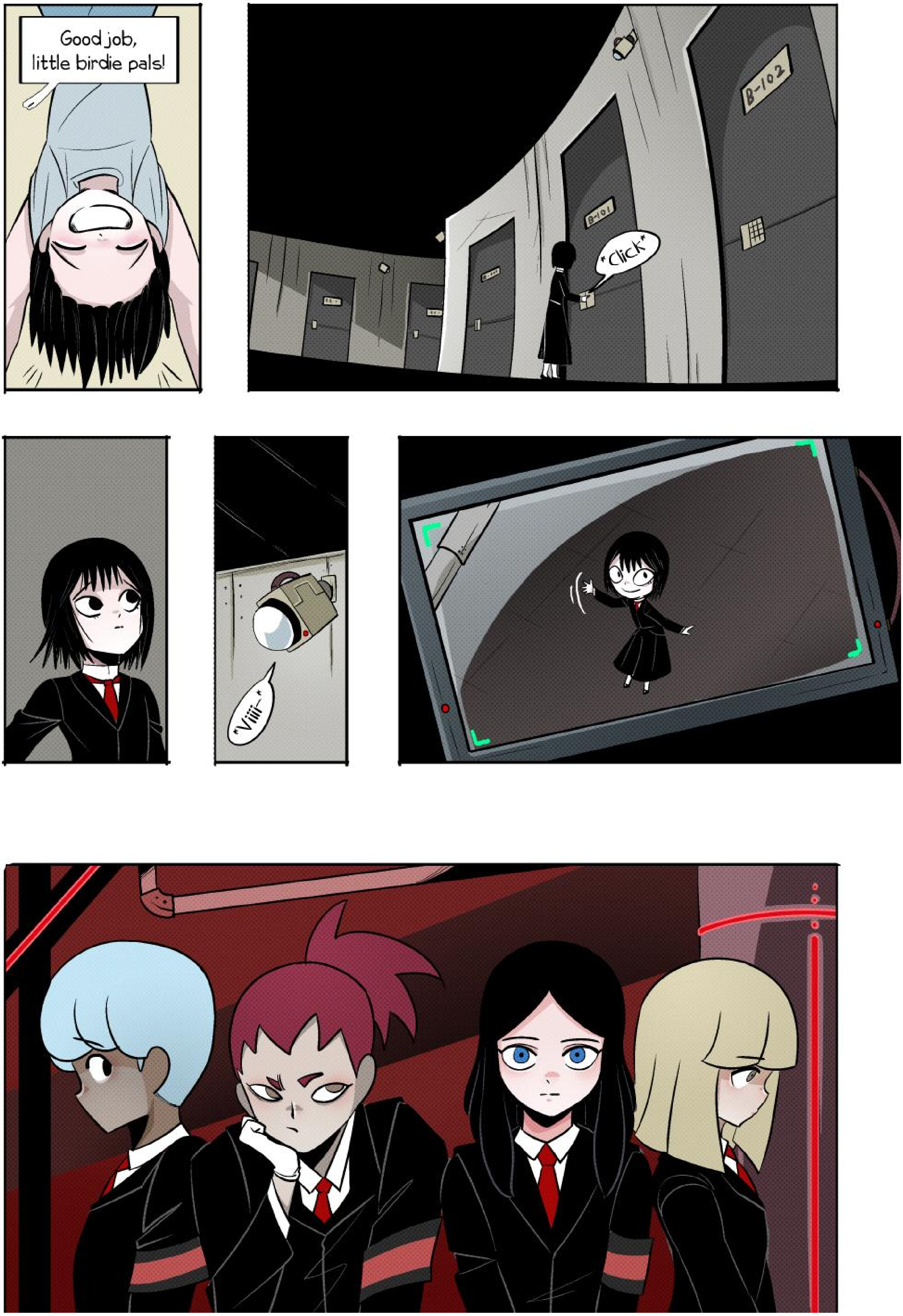
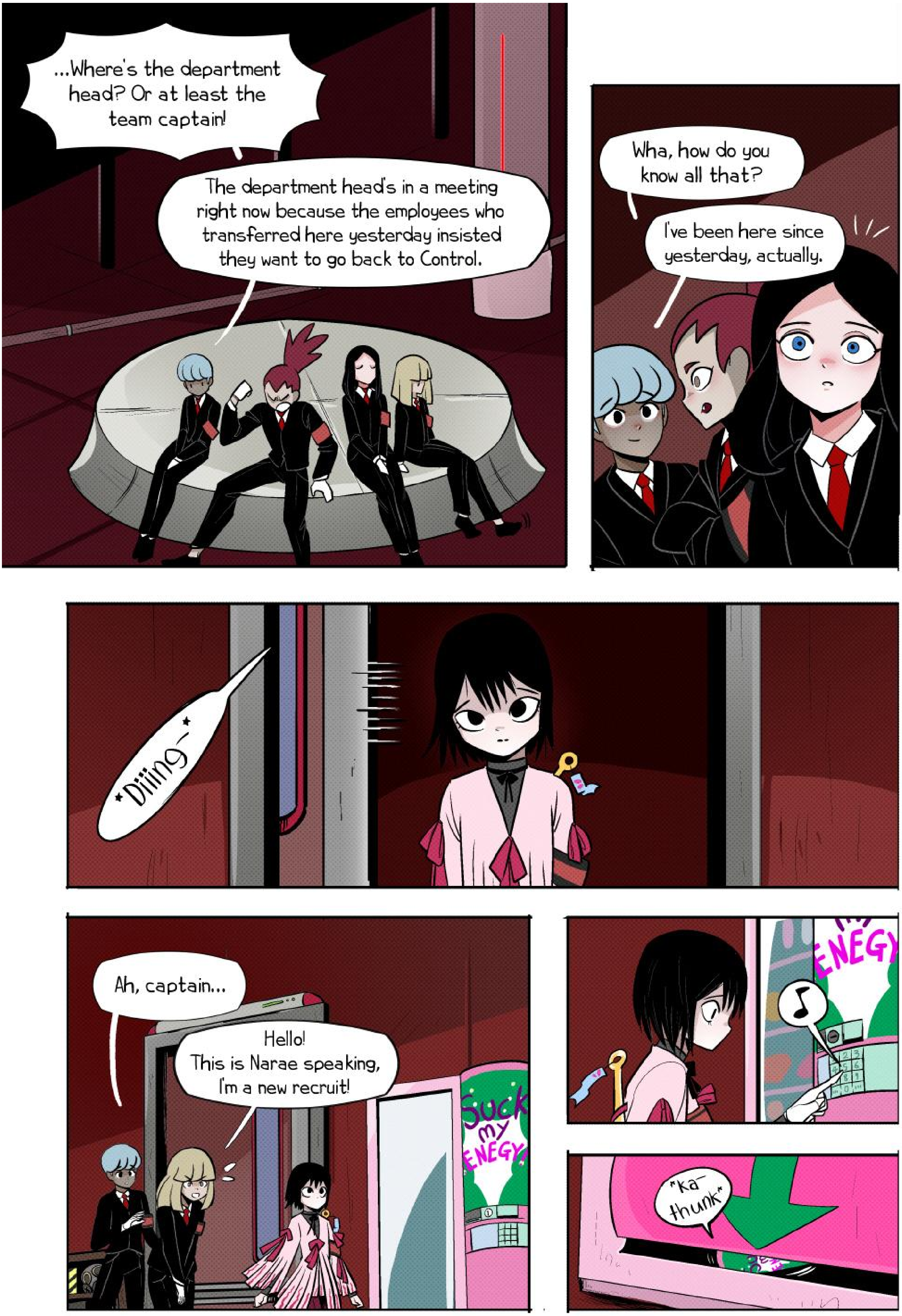
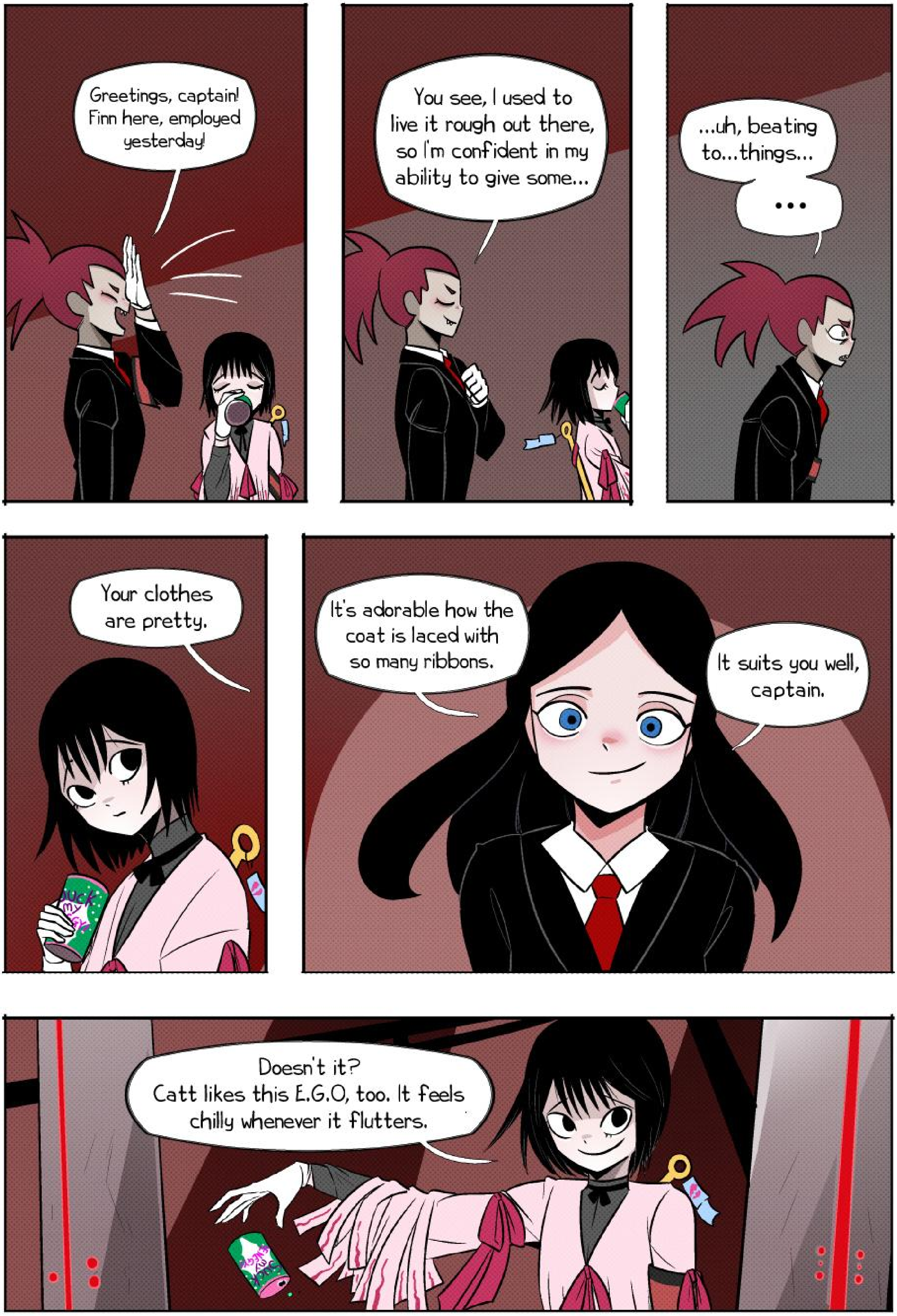
Let's all become fruits. Let's hang together.
Your despair, sadness...
Let's all dangle down.
WHACK

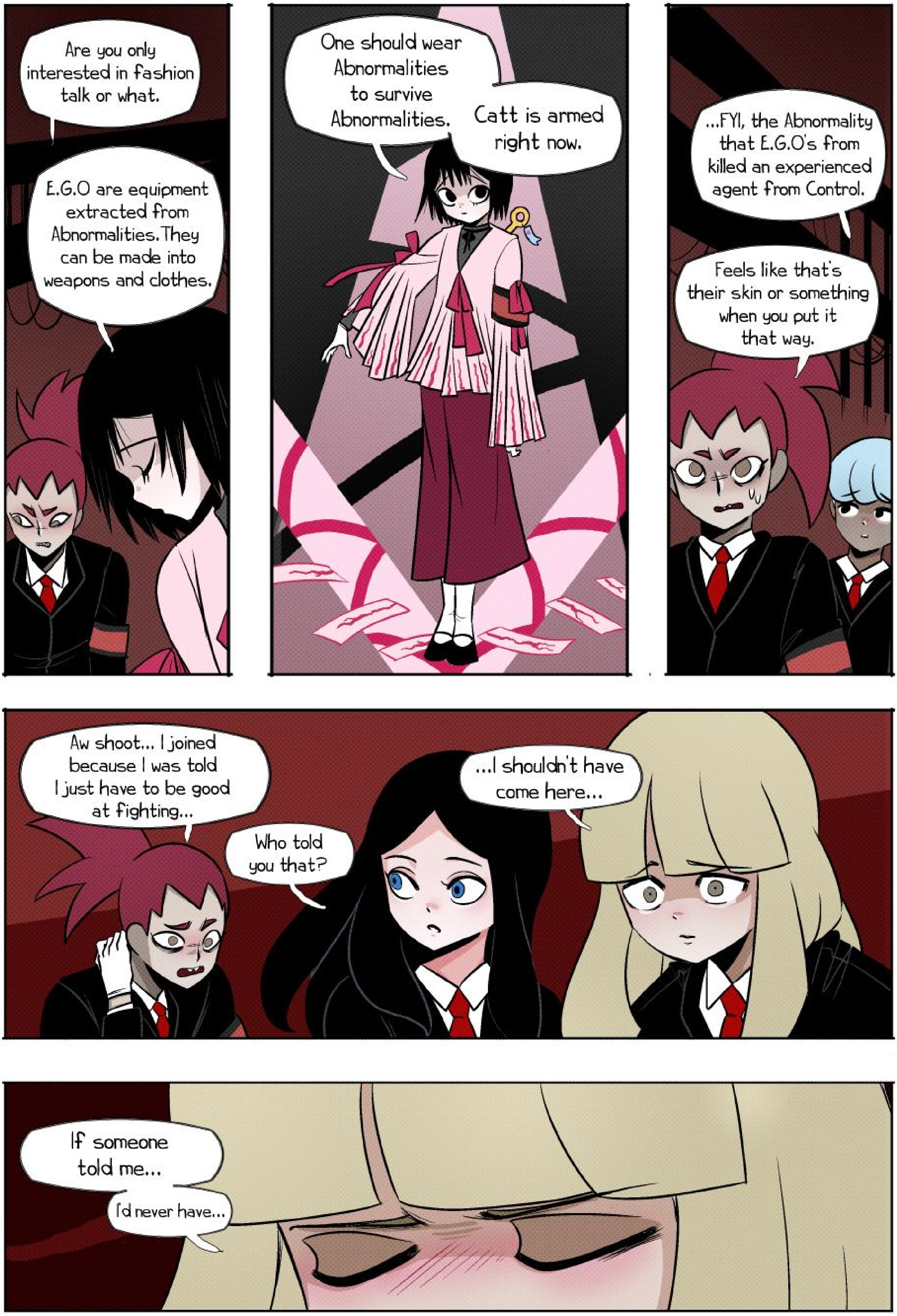

Welcome to the Disciplinary Team, **fresh meat.**
NEXT

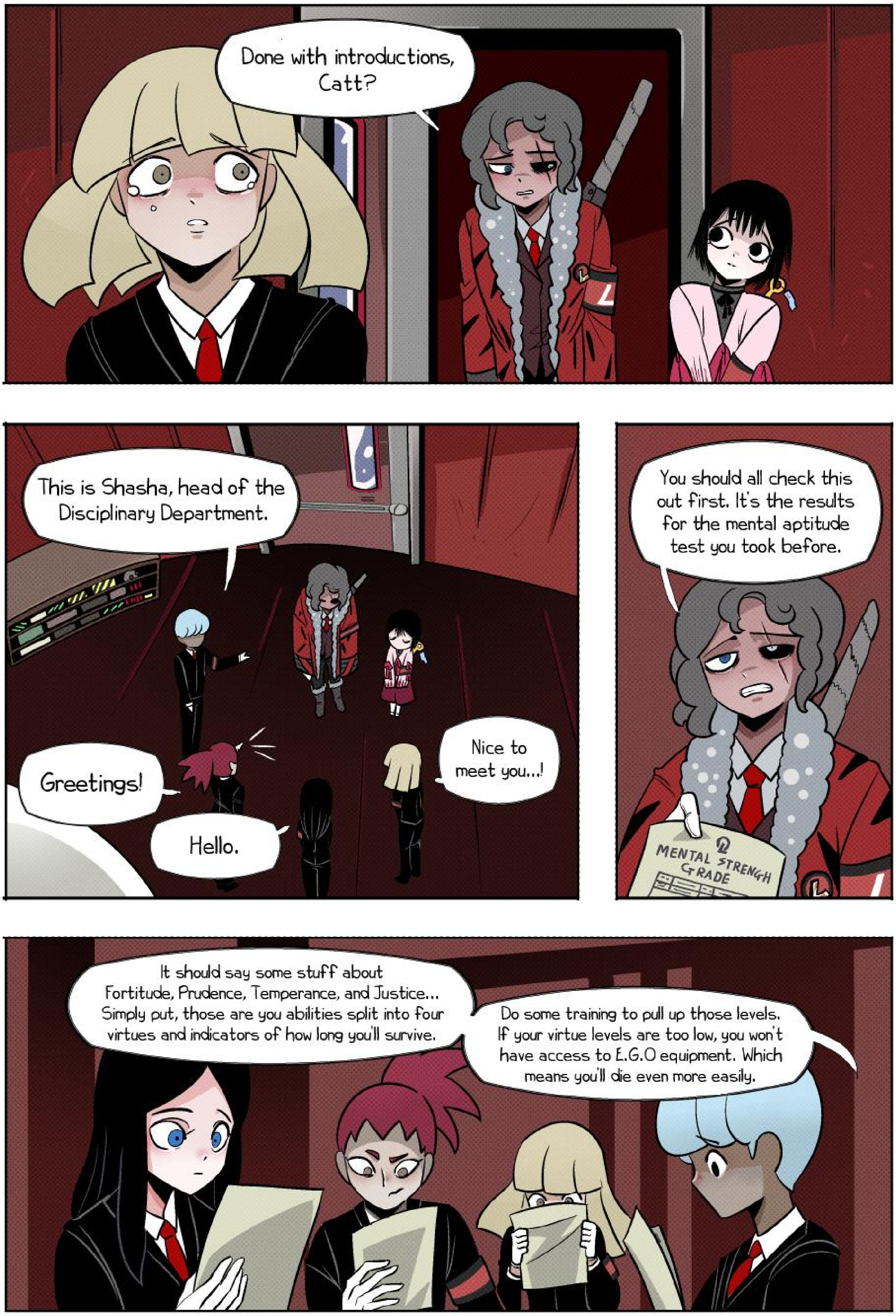

'Dormitory Guide
"Current time: 6 AM"
'Strawberry Cones
This is the dormitory's own radio channel, <Little Birdie Pals>.
Hey there, early little birdies! Good morning as always~! Morning bird~ Morning bird~
Let's stretch to the tune of this song~
..94.
Morning bird stretching makes you tall~
95.

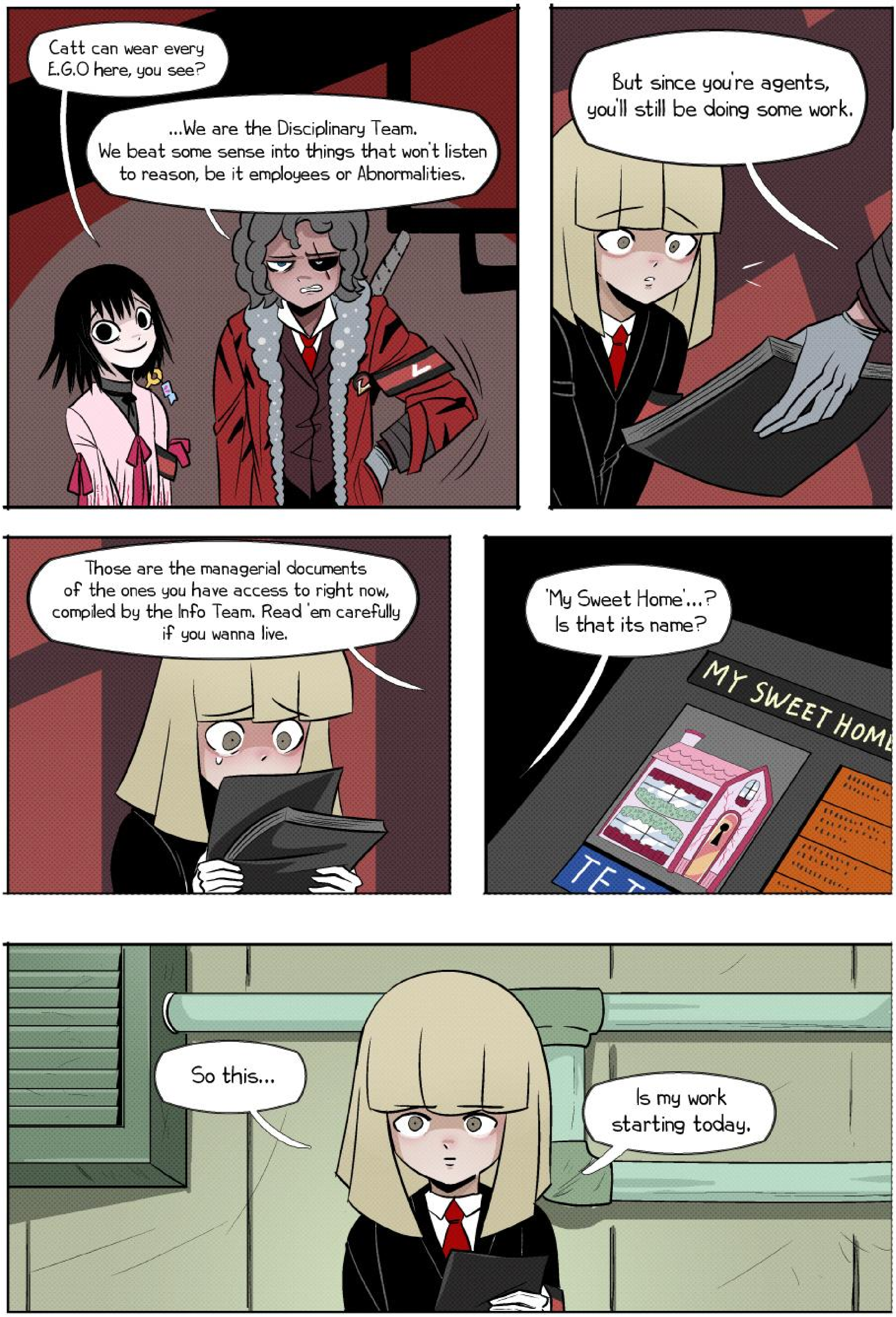

Good job,
little birdie pals!
B-102
B-101
Click
Viiii~

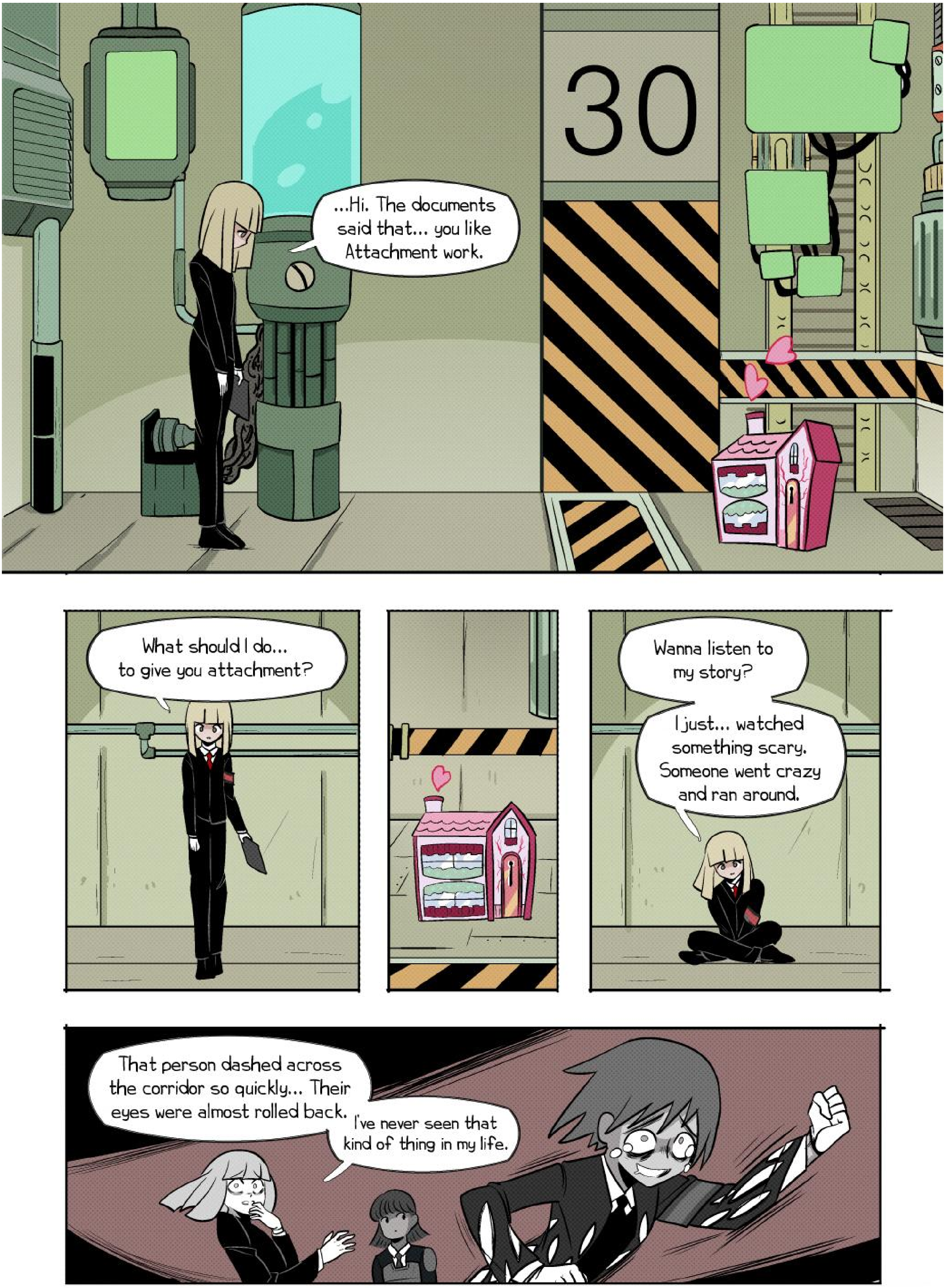

...Where's the department head? Or at least the team captain!
The department head's in a meeting right now because the employees who transferred here yesterday insisted they want to go back to Control.
Wha, how do you know all that?
I've been here since yesterday, actually.
Diiing–
Ah, captain...
Hello! This is Narae speaking, I'm a new recruit!
Suck my ENEGY!
ENEGY
ka-thunk


Greetings, captain! Finn here, employed yesterday!
You see, I used to live it rough out there, so I'm confident in my ability to give some...
...uh, beating to...things...
...
Your clothes are pretty.
It's adorable how the coat is laced with so many ribbons.
It suits you well, captain.
Doesn't it? Catt likes this E.G.O, too. It feels chilly whenever it flutters.


Are you only interested in fashion talk or what.
E.G.O are equipment extracted from Abnormalities. They can be made into weapons and clothes.
One should wear Abnormalities to survive Abnormalities.
Catt is armed right now.
...FYI, the Abnormality that E.G.O's from killed an experienced agent from Control.
Feels like that's their skin or something when you put it that way.
Aw shoot... I joined because I was told I just have to be good at fighting...
Who told you that?
...I shouldn't have come here...
If someone told me...
I'd never have...


Done with introductions, Catt?
This is Shasha, head of the Disciplinary Department.
Greetings!
Hello.
Nice to meet you...!
You should all check this out first. It's the results for the mental aptitude test you took before.
MENTAL STRENGH GRADE
It should say some stuff about Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice... Simply put, those are you abilities split into four virtues and indicators of how long you'll survive.
Do some training to pull up those levels. If your virtue levels are too low, you won't have access to E.G.O equipment. Which means you'll die even more easily.


Catt can wear every E.G.O here, you see?
...We are the Disciplinary Team. We beat some sense into things that won't listen to reason, be it employees or Abnormalities.
But since you're agents, you'll still be doing some work.
Those are the managerial documents of the ones you have access to right now, compiled by the Info Team. Read 'em carefully if you wanna live.
'My Sweet Home'...? Is that its name?
MY SWEET HOM
So this...
Is my work starting today.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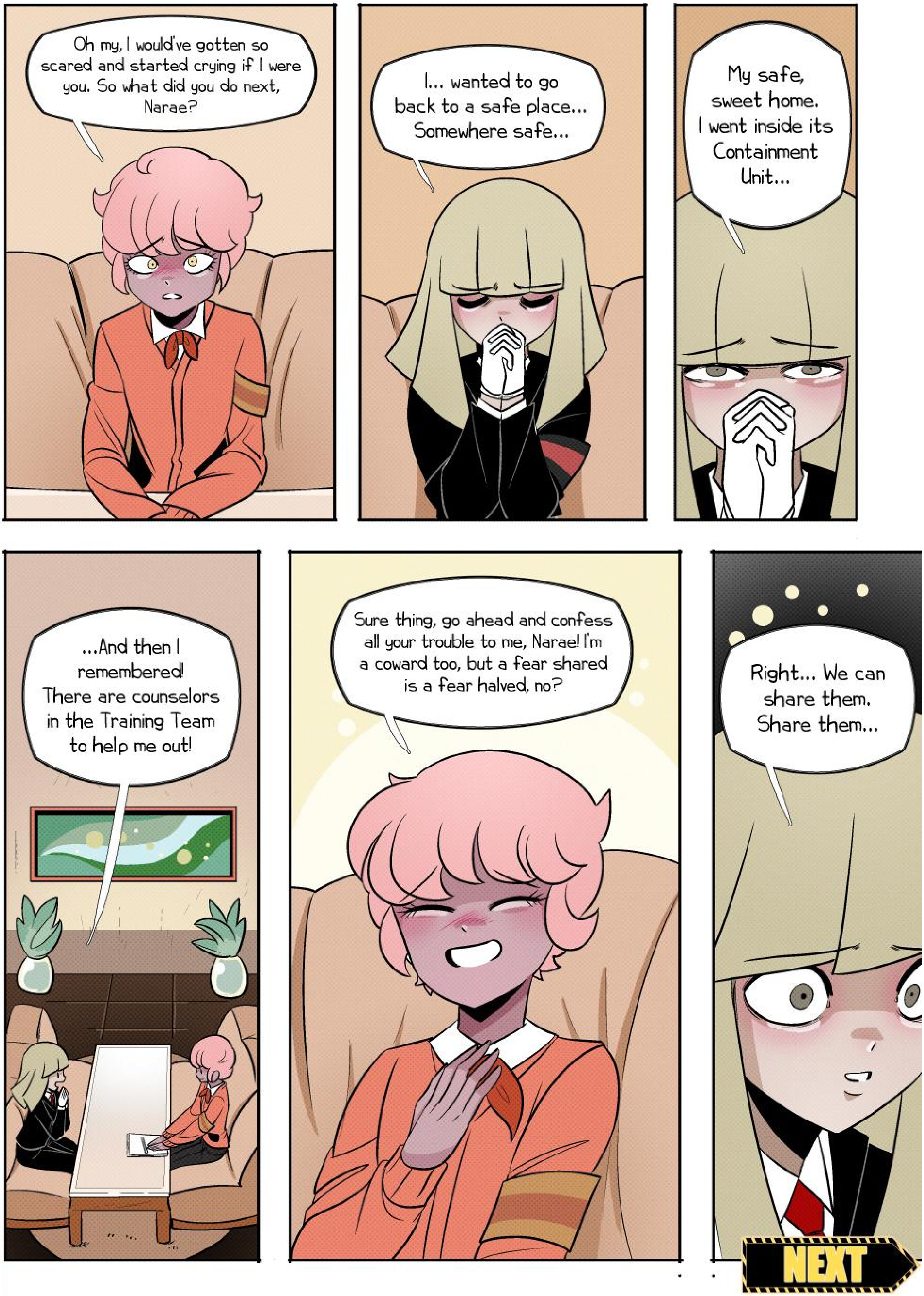
...Hi. The documents said that... you like Attachment work.
What should I do... to give you attachment?
Wanna listen to my story?
I just... watched something scary. Someone went crazy and ran around.
That person dashed across the corridor so quickly... Their eyes were almost rolled back.
I've never seen that kind of thing in my life.


Oh my, I would've gotten so scared and started crying if I were you. So what did you do next, Narae?
I... wanted to go back to a safe place... Somewhere safe...
My safe, sweet home. I went inside its Containment Unit...
...And then I remembered! There are counselors in the Training Team to help me out!
Sure thing, go ahead and confess all your trouble to me, Narae! I'm a coward too, but a fear shared is a fear halved, no?
Right... We can share them. Share them...
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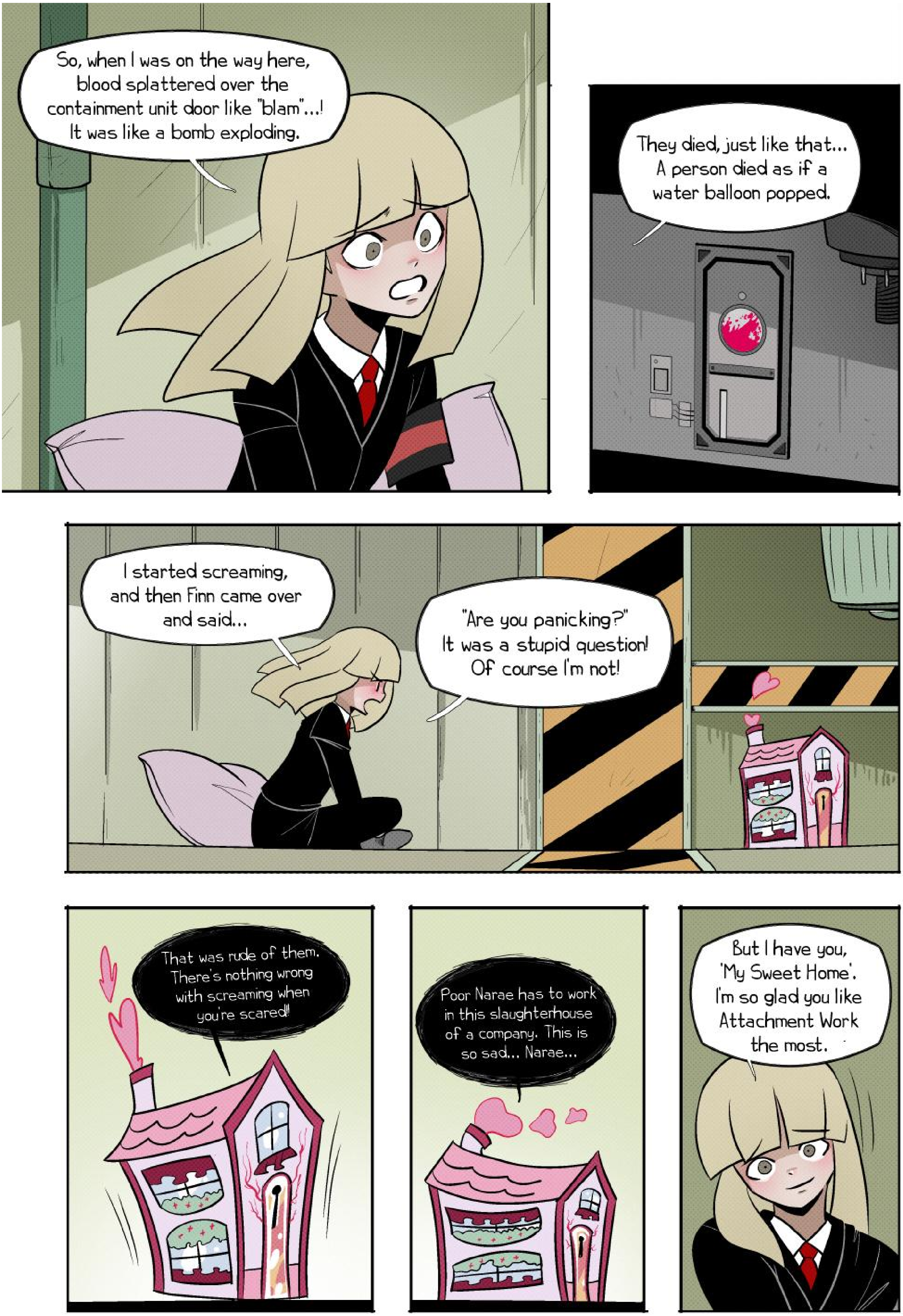
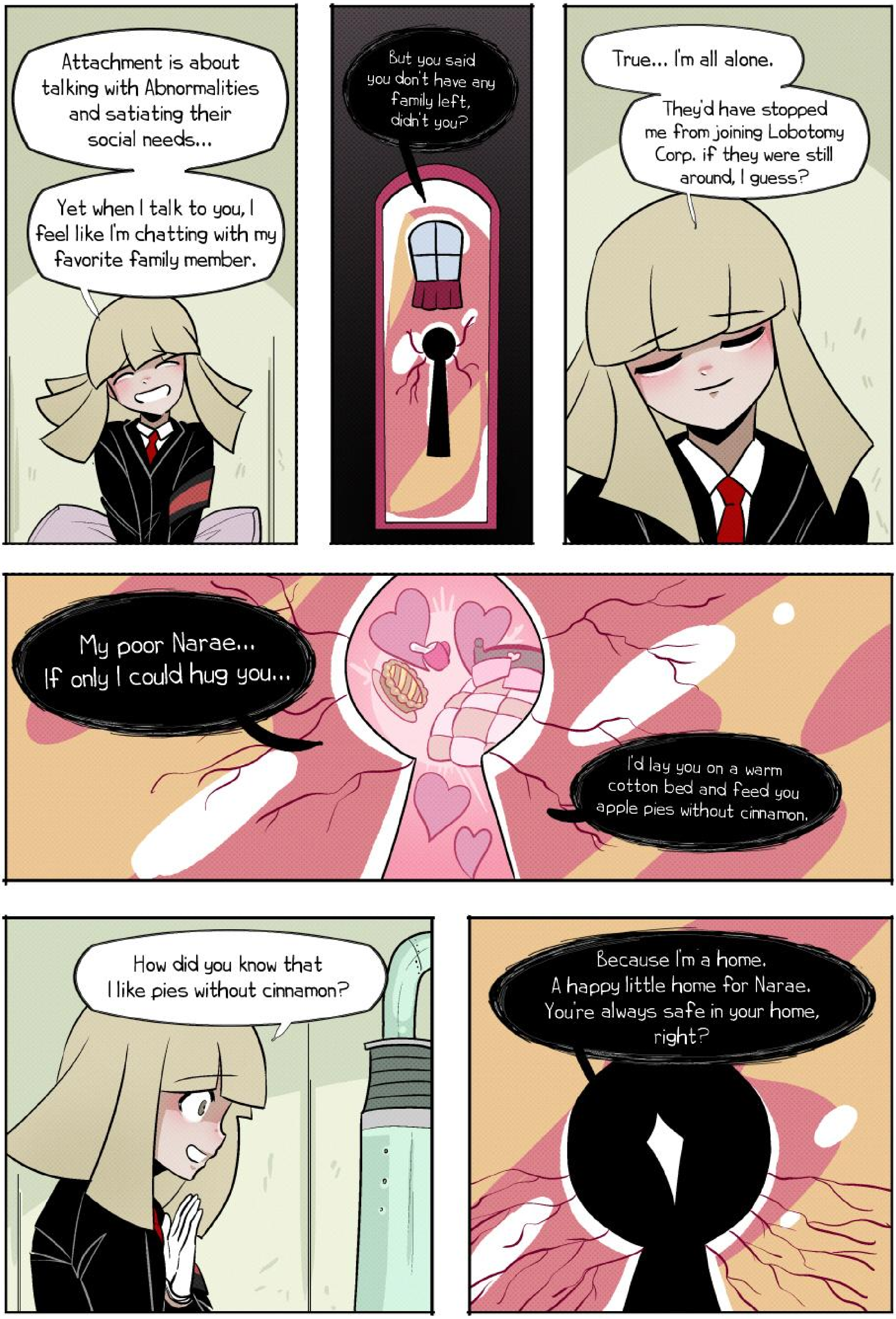
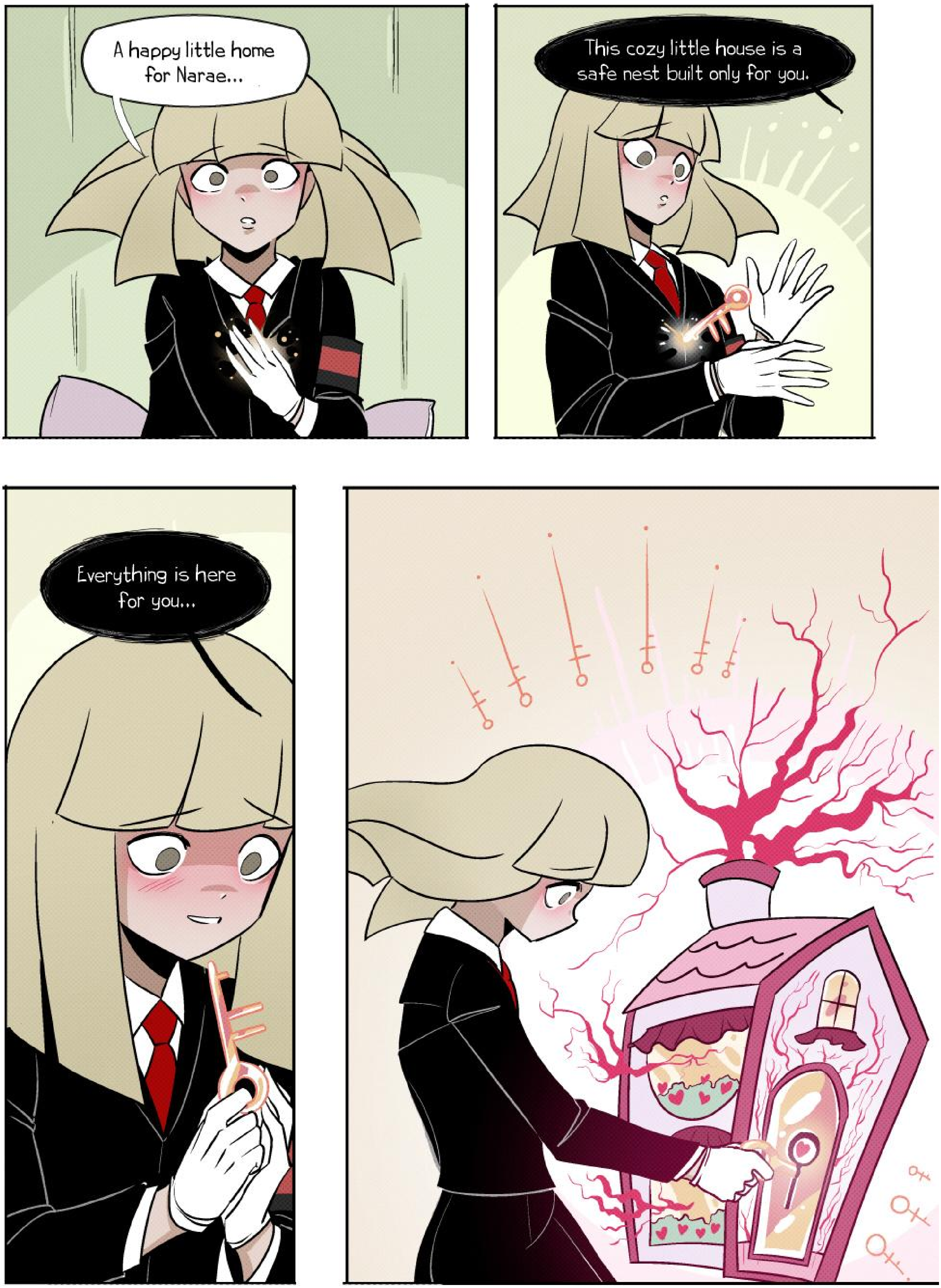
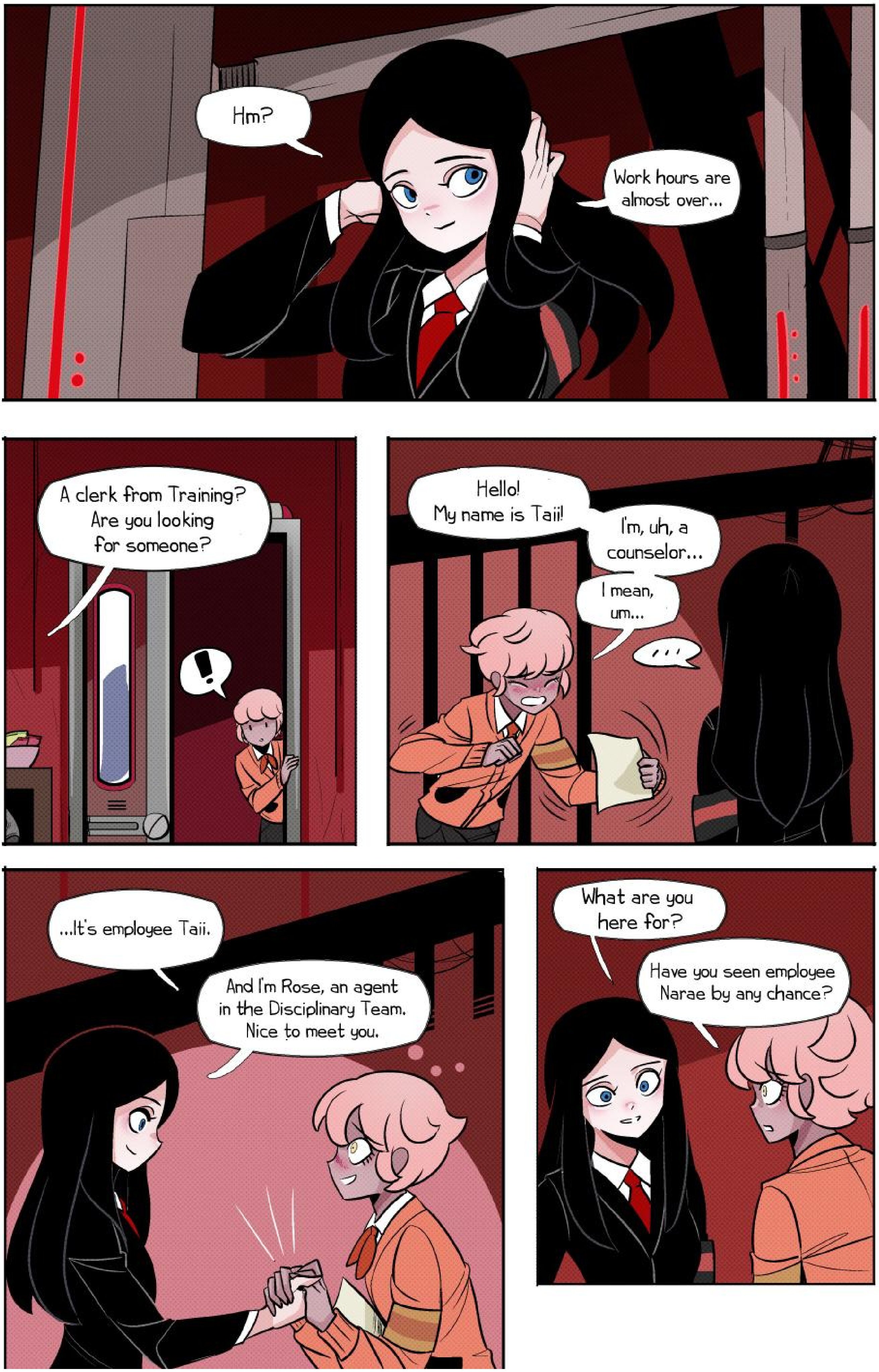
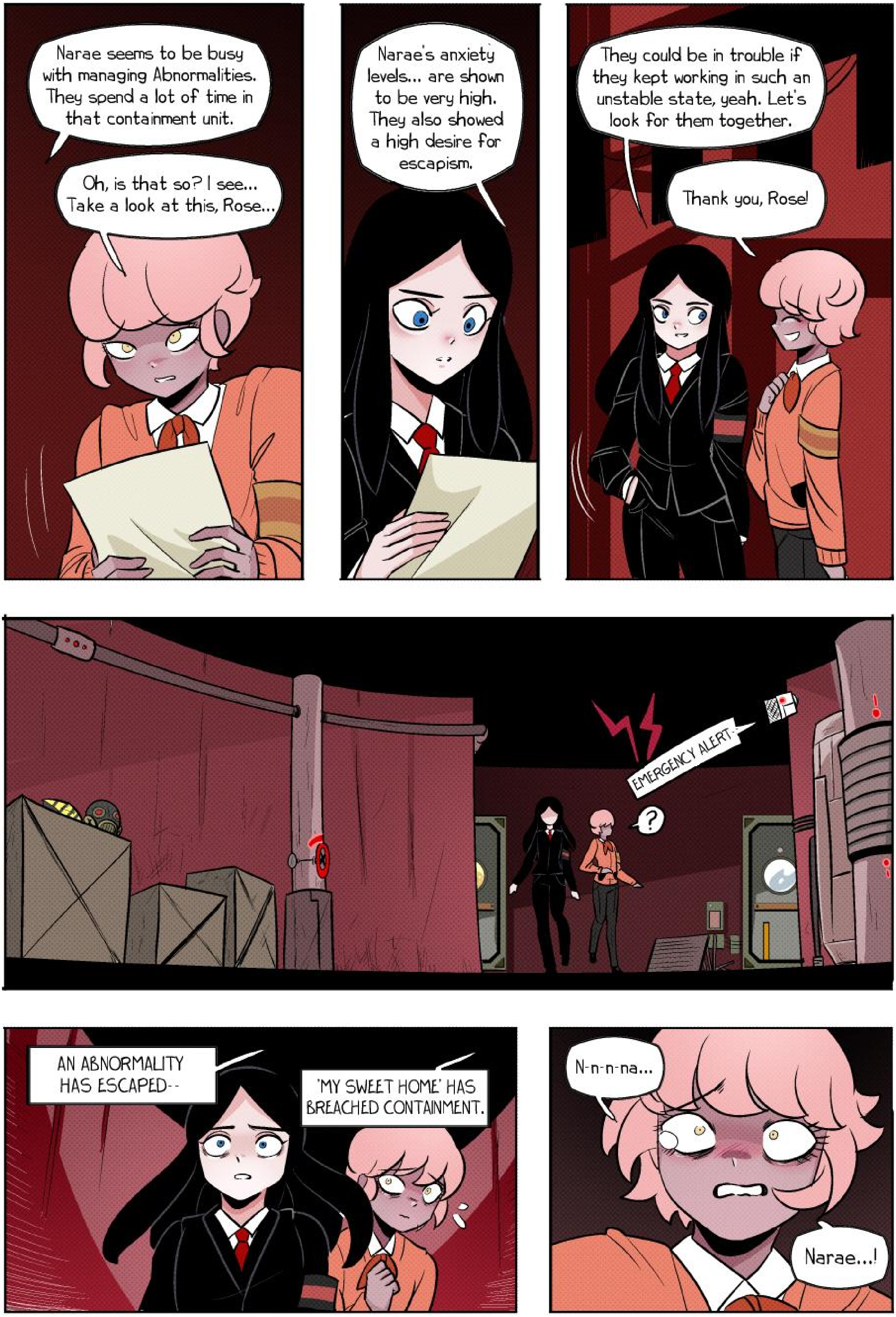

So, when I was on the way here, blood splattered over the containment unit door like "blam"...! It was like a bomb exploding.
They died, just like that... A person died as if a water balloon popped.
I started screaming, and then Finn came over and said...
"Are you panicking?" It was a stupid question! Of course I'm not!
That was rude of them. There's nothing wrong with screaming when you're scared!
Poor Narae has to work in this slaughterhouse of a company. This is so sad... Narae...
But I have you, 'My Sweet Home'. I'm so glad you like Attachment Work the most.


Attachment is about talking with Abnormalities and satiating their social needs...
Yet when I talk to you, I feel like I'm chatting with my favorite family member.
But you said you don't have any family left, didn't you?
True... I'm all alone.
They'd have stopped me from joining Lobotomy Corp. if they were still around, I guess?
My poor Narae... If only I could hug you...
I'd lay you on a warm cotton bed and feed you apple pies without cinnamon.
How did you know that I like pies without cinnamon?
Because I'm a home. A happy little home for Narae. You're always safe in your home, right?


A happy little home for Narae...
This cozy little house is a safe nest built only for you.
Everything is here for you...


Hm?
Work hours are almost over...
A clerk from Training? Are you looking for someone?
!
Hello! My name is Taii!
I'm, uh, a counselor...
I mean, um...
...
...It's employee Taii.
And I'm Rose, an agent in the Disciplinary Team. Nice to meet you.
What are you here for?
Have you seen employee Narae by any chance?


Narae seems to be busy with managing Abnormalities. They spend a lot of time in that containment unit.
Oh, is that so? I see... Take a look at this, Rose...
Narae's anxiety levels... are shown to be very high. They also showed a high desire for escapism.
They could be in trouble if they kept working in such an unstable state, yeah. Let's look for them together.
Thank you, Rose!
EMERGENCY ALERT
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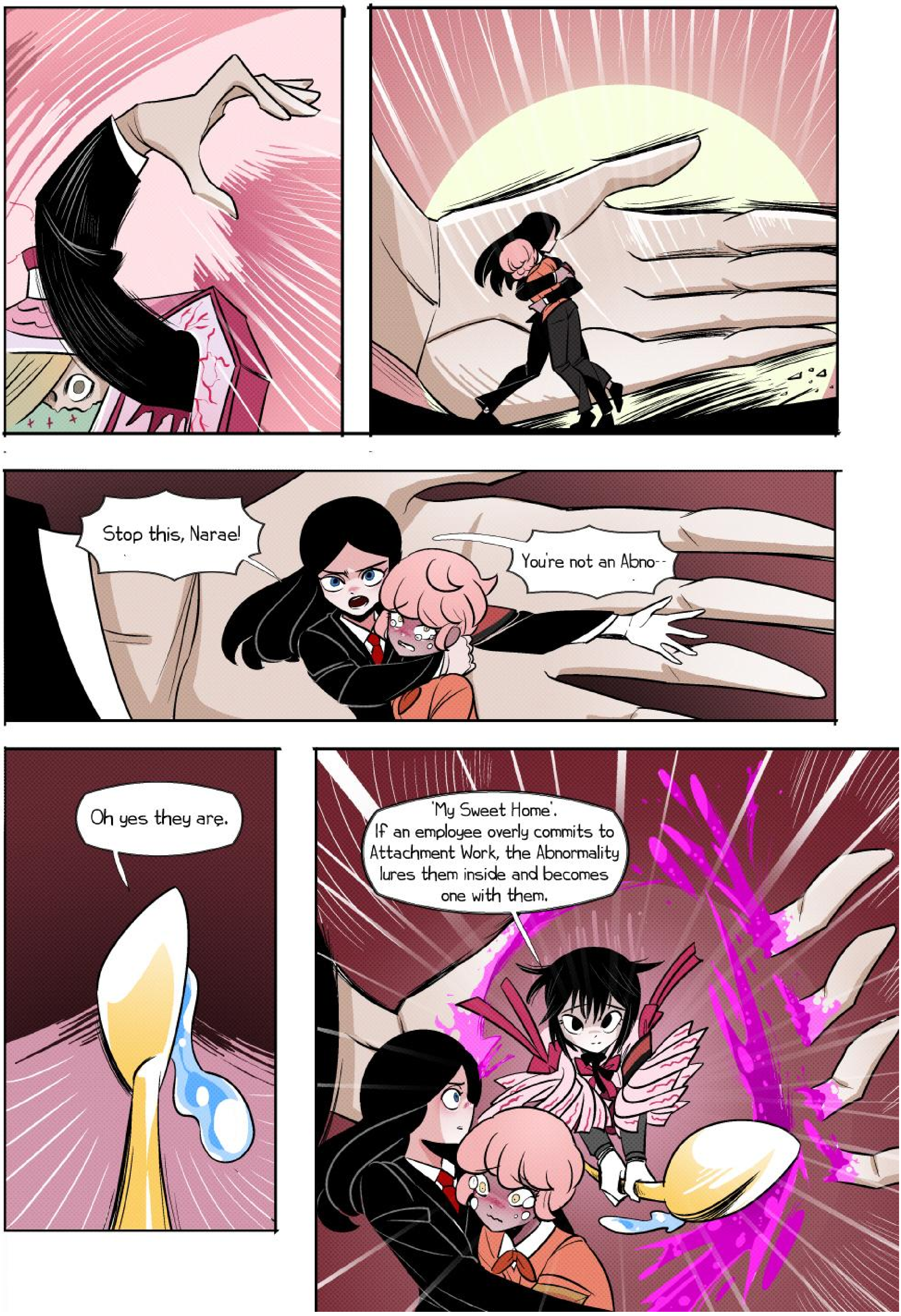
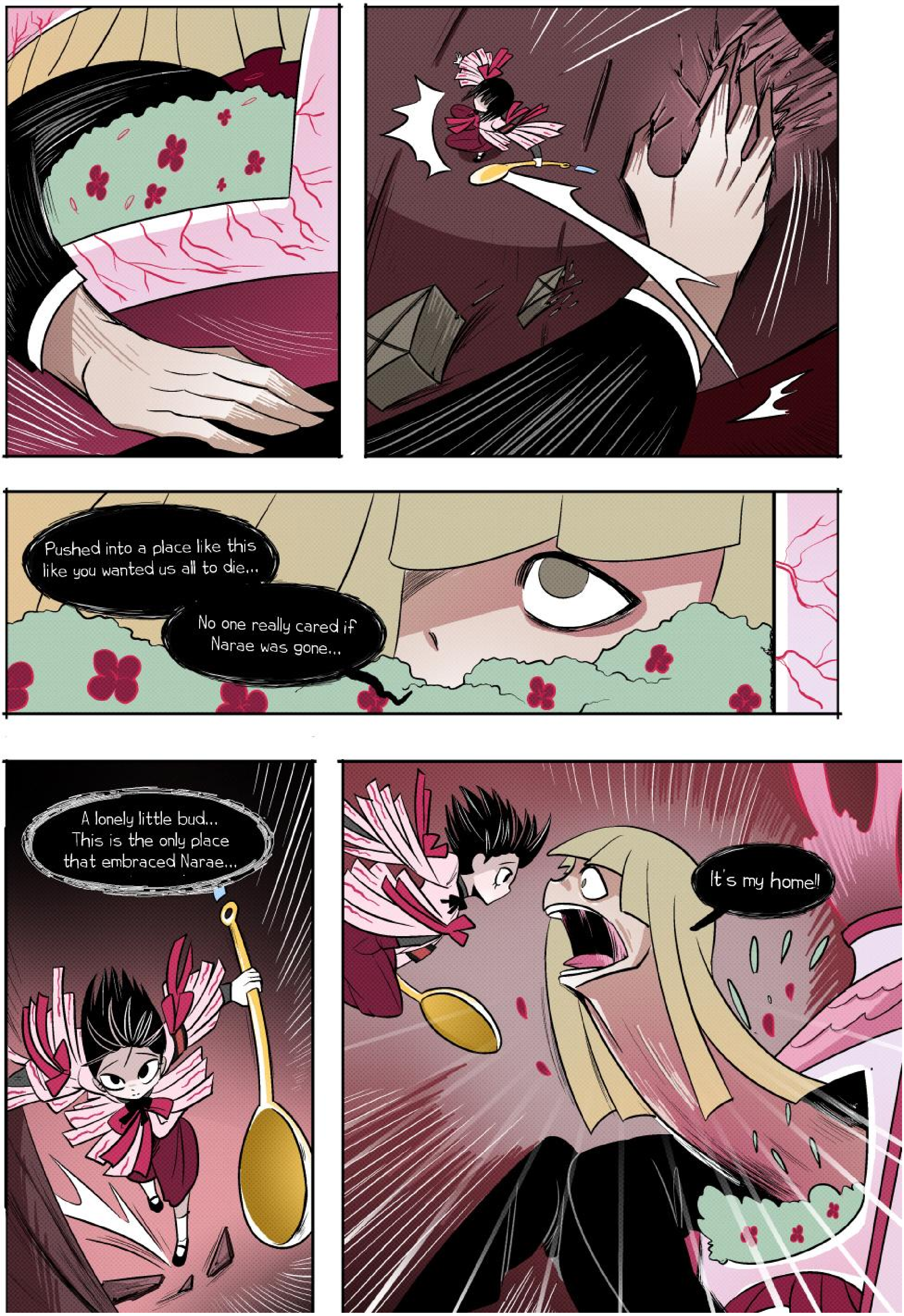
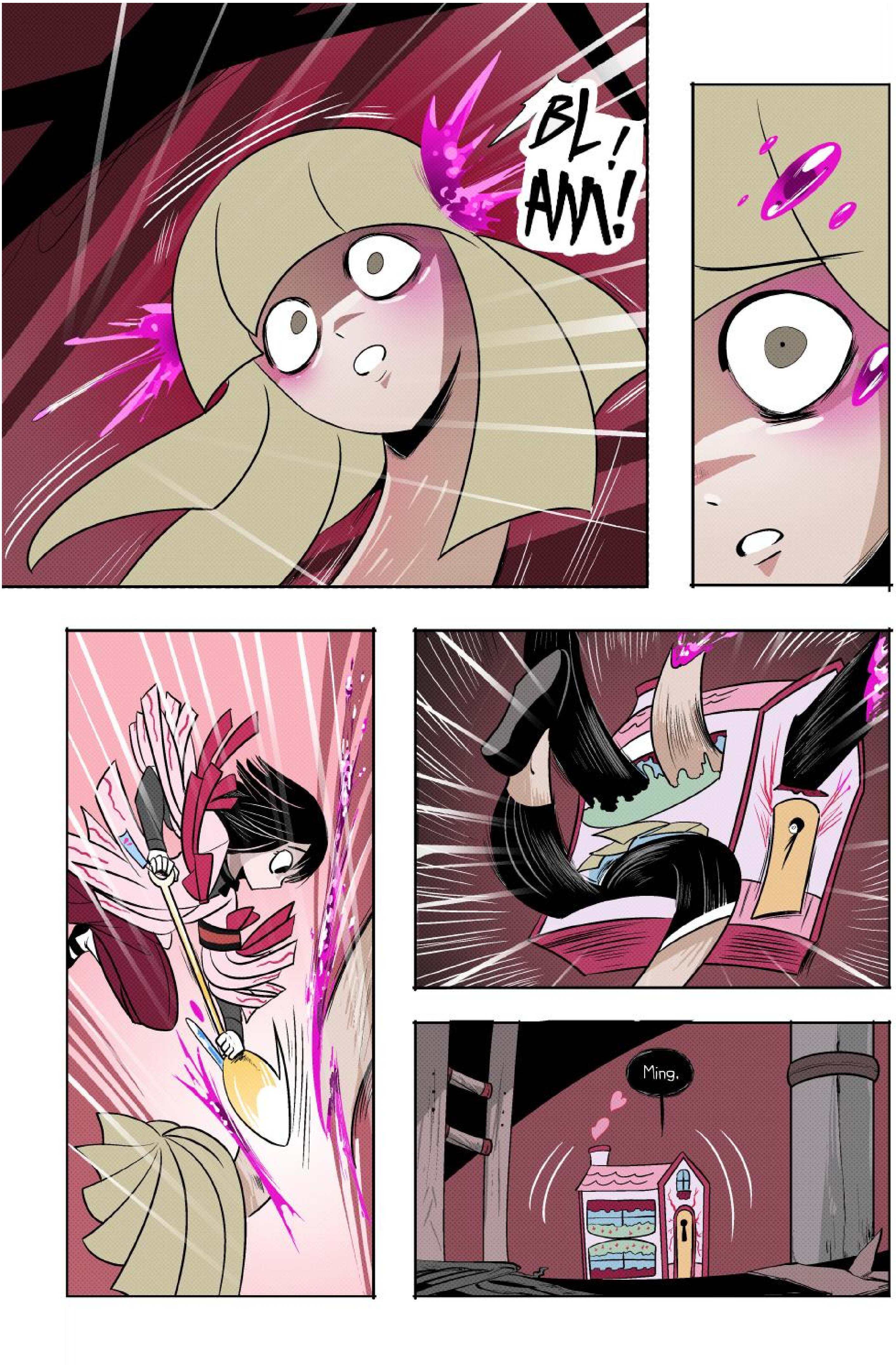
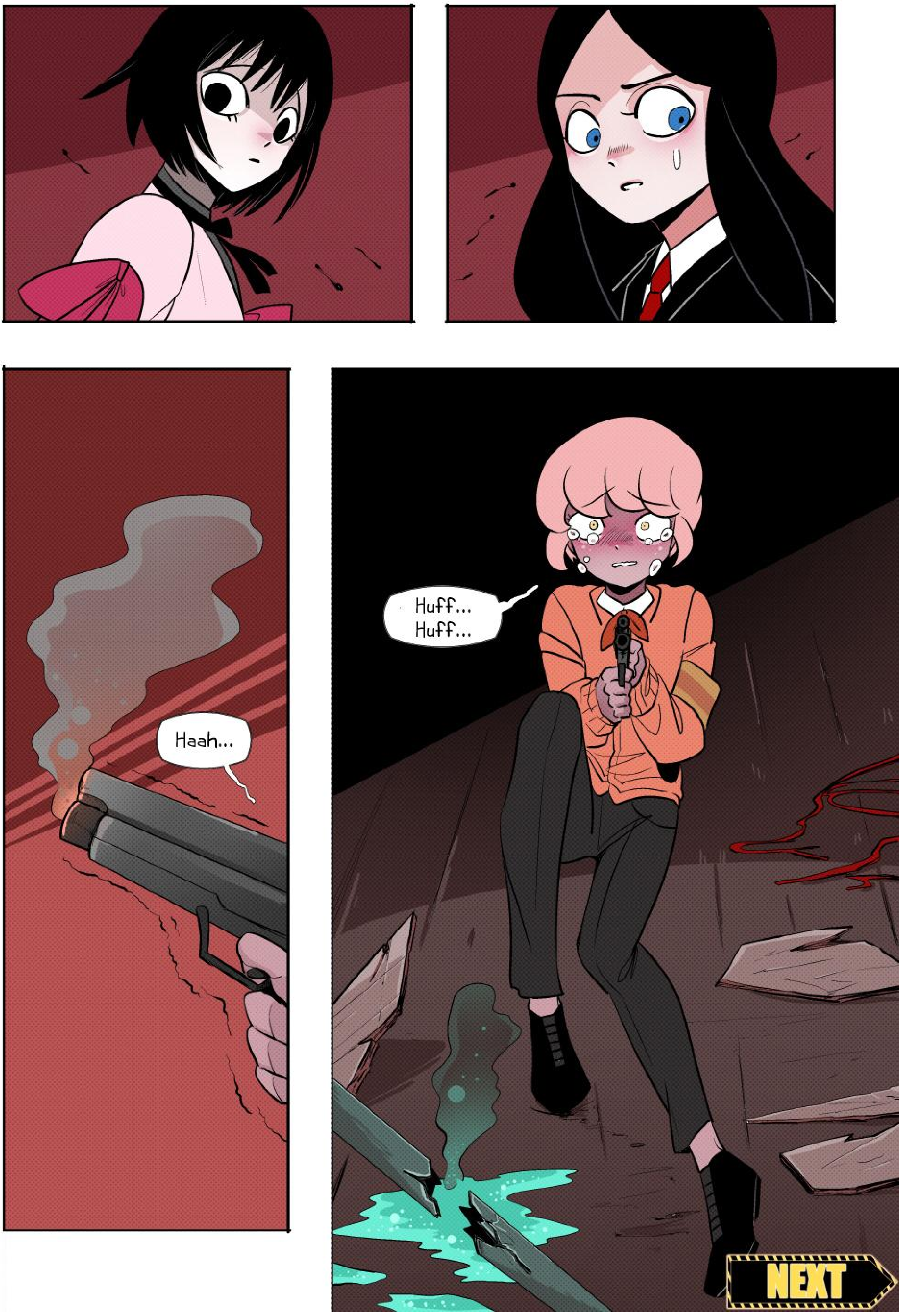
AN ABNORMALITY HAS ESCAPED--
'MY SWEET HOME' HAS BREACHED CONTAINMENT.
N-n-n-na...
Narae...!


Stop this, Narae!
You're not an Abno--
Oh yes they are.
'My Sweet Home'. If an employee overly commits to Attachment Work, the Abnormality lures them inside and becomes one with them.


Pushed into a place like this like you wanted us all to die...
No one really cared if Narae was gone...
A lonely little bud... This is the only place that embraced Narae...
It's my home!!


BL! AM!
Ming.


Haah...
Huff...
Huff...
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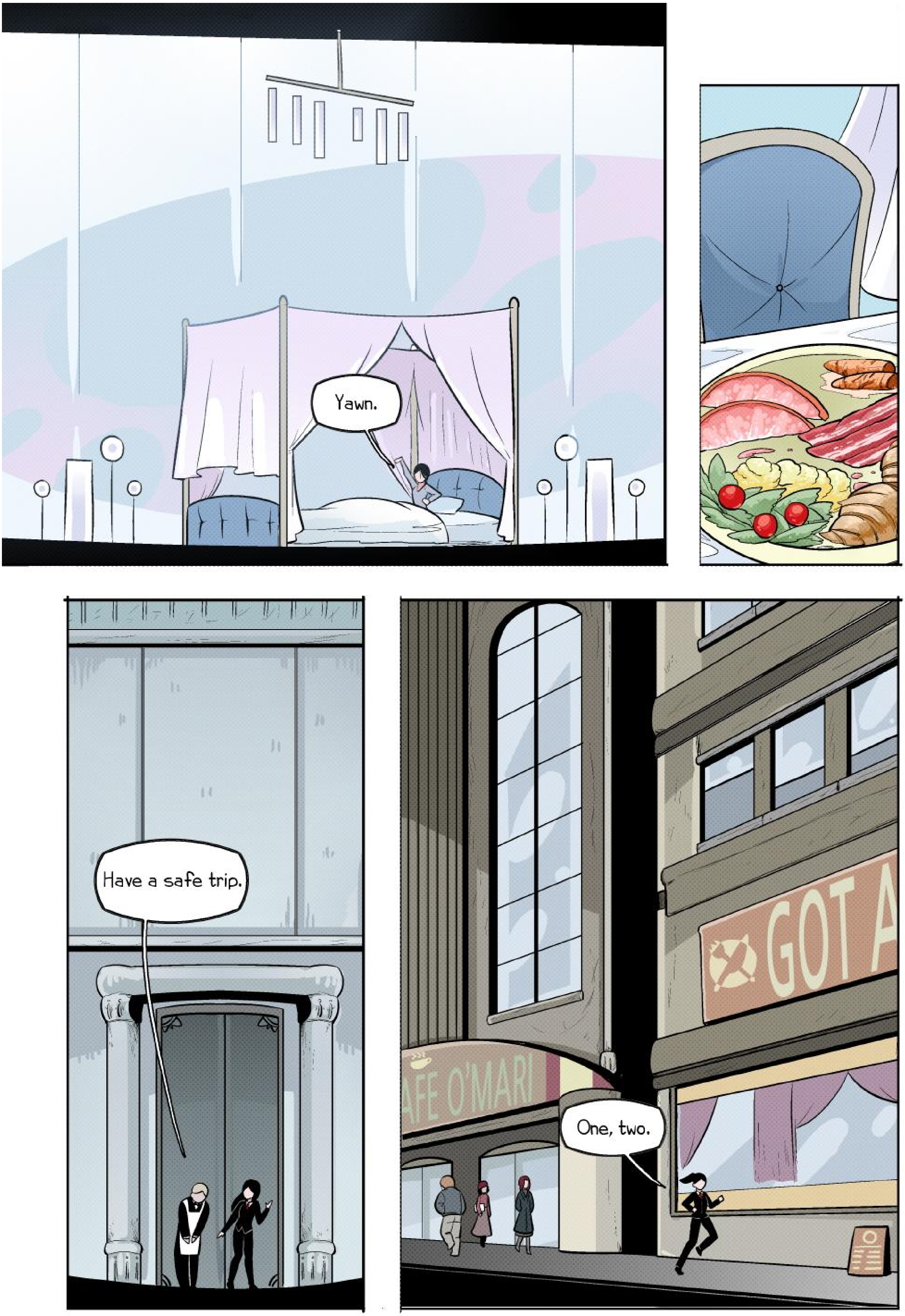
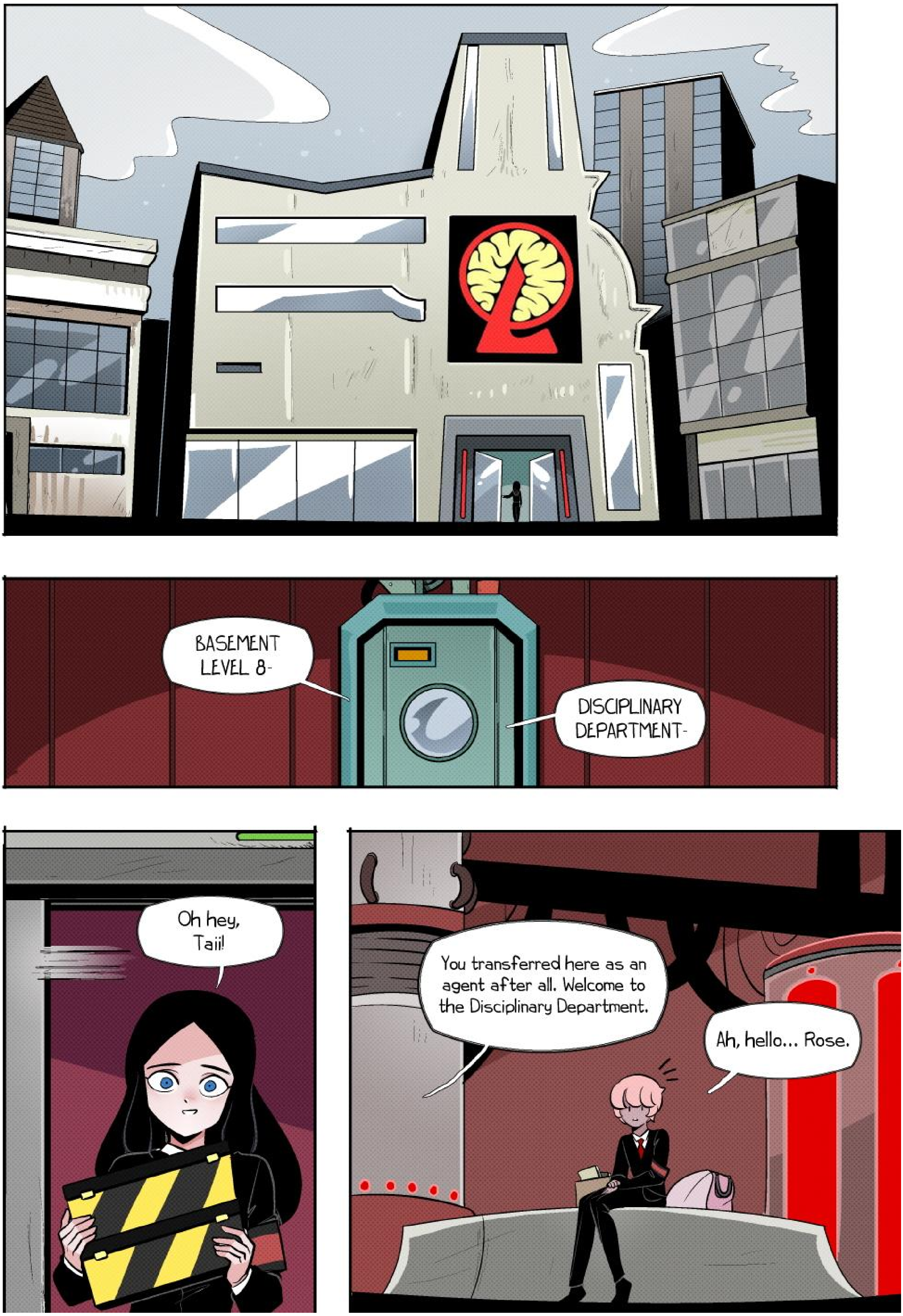
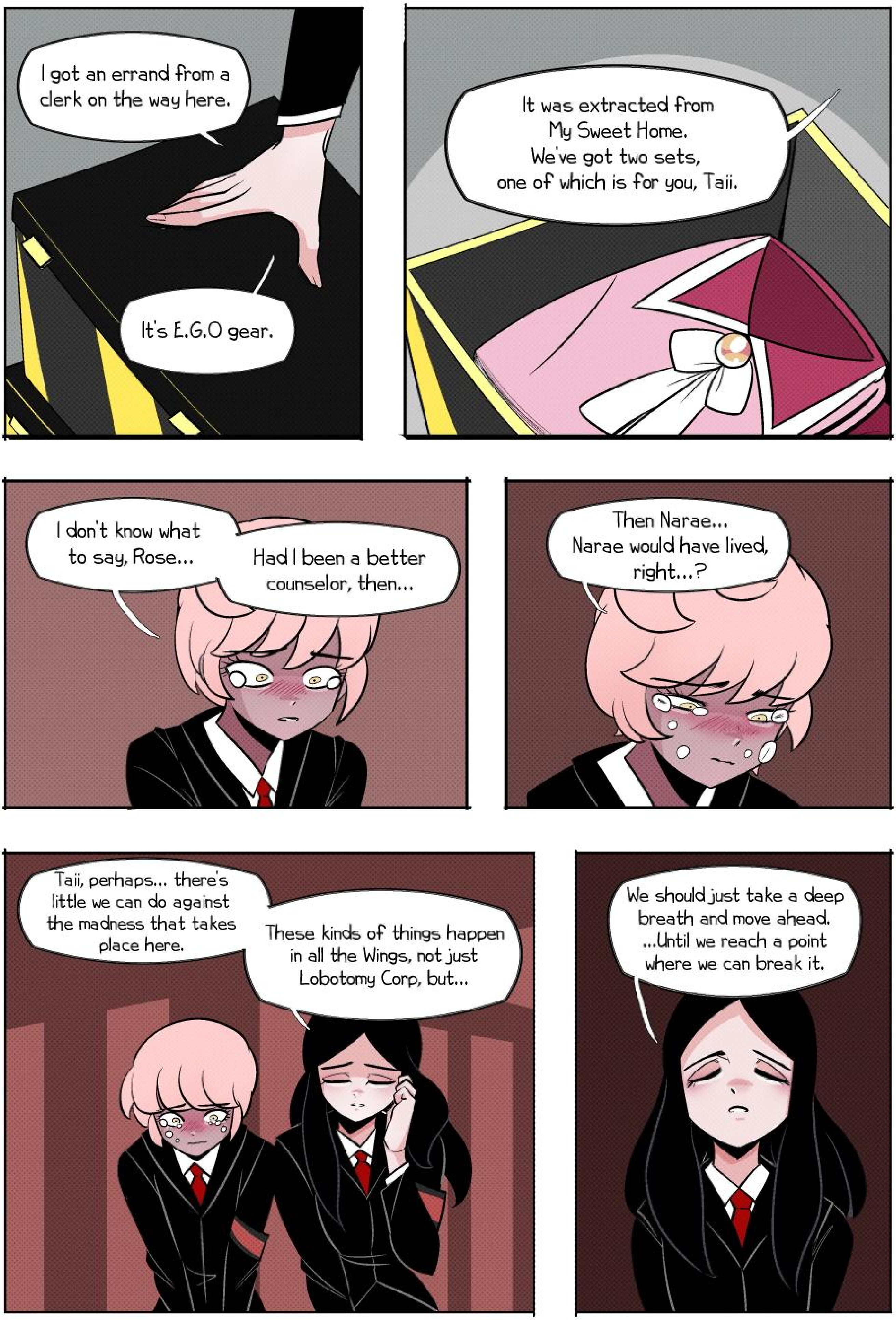
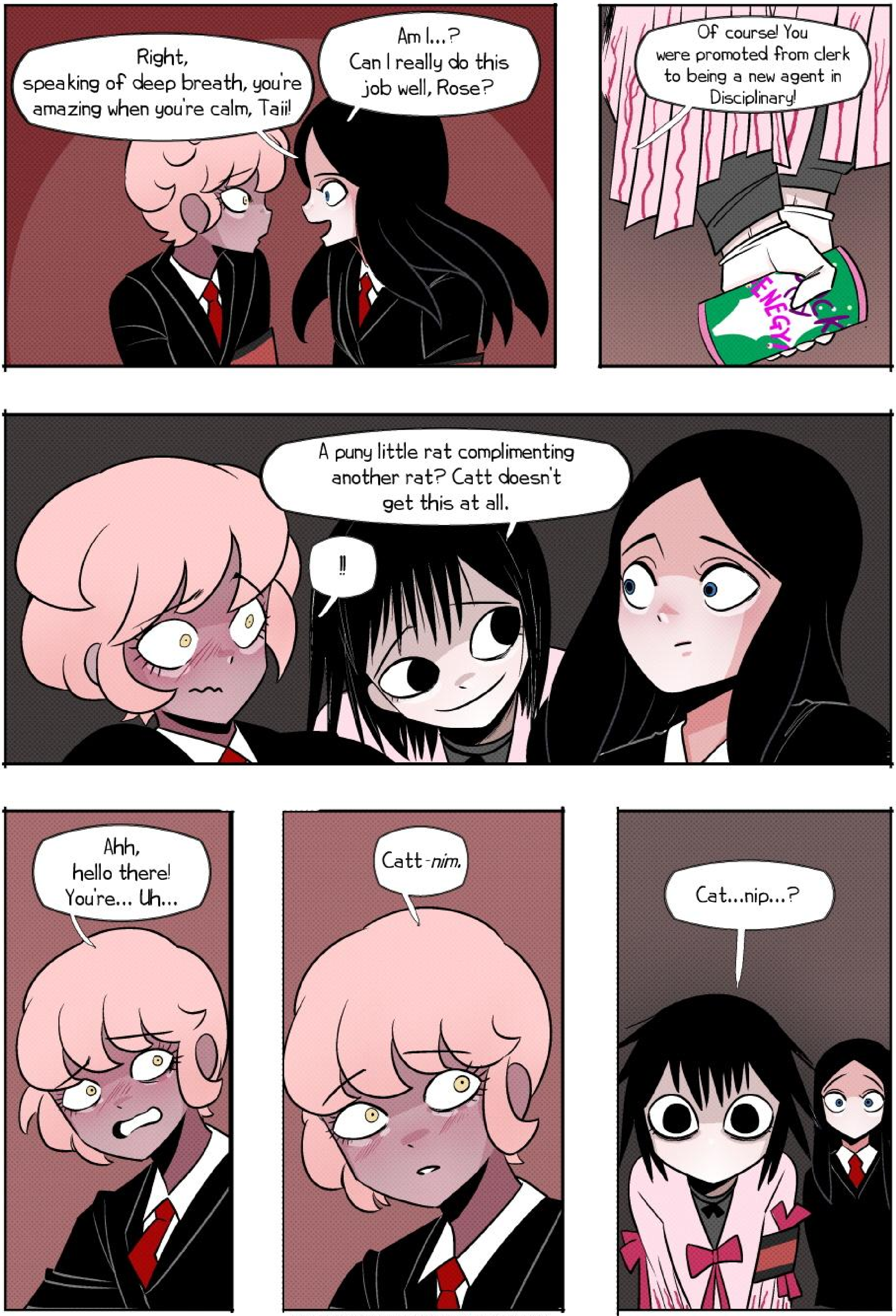
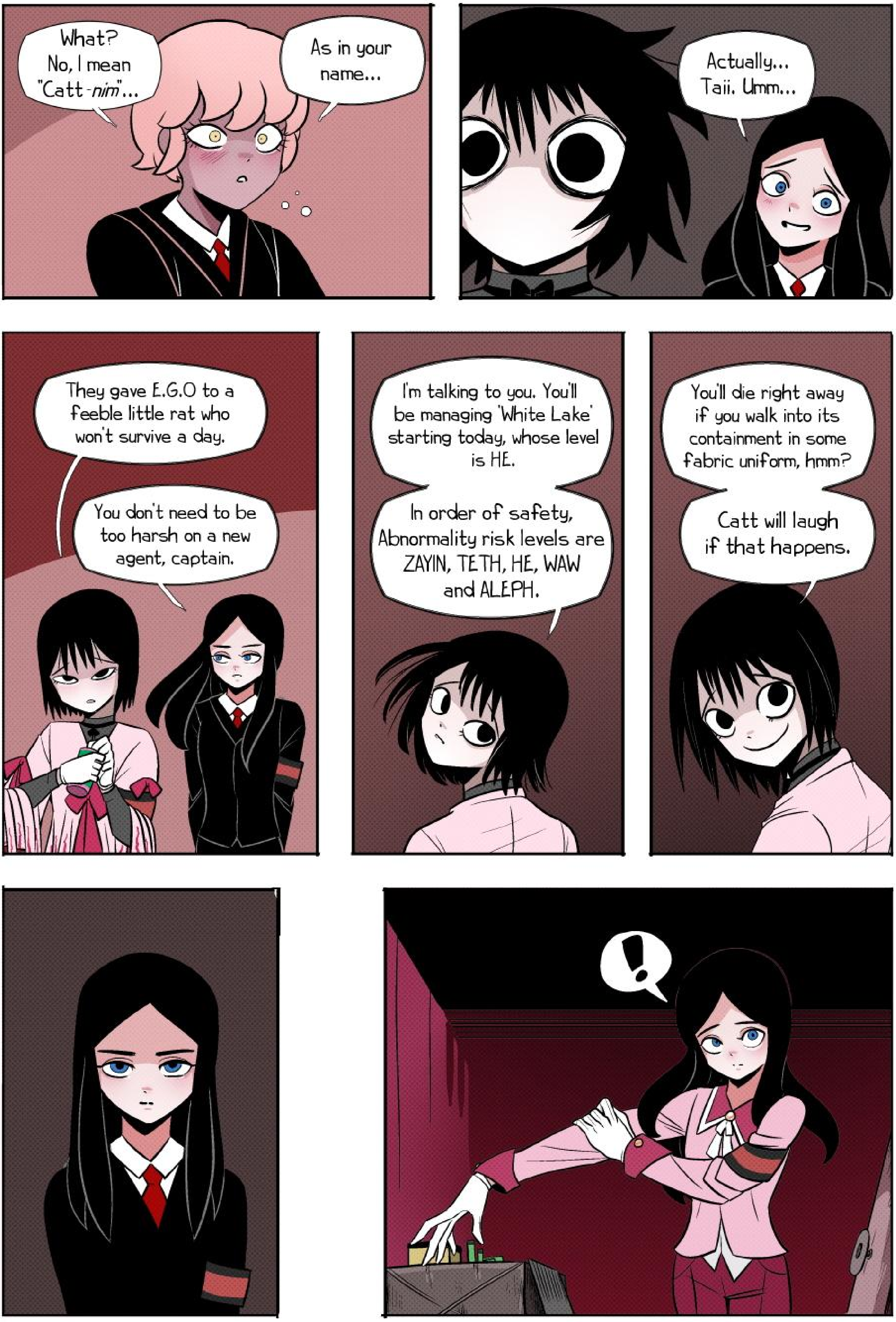

Yawn.
Have a safe trip.
AFE O'MARI
GOT A
One, two.


BASEMENT LEVEL 8-
DISCIPLINARY DEPARTMENT-
Oh hey, Taii!
You transferred here as an agent after all. Welcome to the Disciplinary Department.
Ah, hello... Rose.


I got an errand from a clerk on the way here.
It's E.G.O gear.
It was extracted from My Sweet Home. We've got two sets, one of which is for you, Taii.
I don't know what to say, Rose...
Had I been a better counselor, then...
Then Narae... Narae would have lived, right...?
Taii, perhaps... there's little we can do against the madness that takes place here.
These kinds of things happen in all the Wings, not just Lobotomy Corp, but...
We should just take a deep breath and move ahead. ...Until we reach a point where we can break it.


Right,
speaking of deep breath, you're amazing when you're calm, Taii!
Am I...?
Can I really do this job well, Rose?
Of course! You were promoted from clerk to being a new agent in Disciplinary!
ENEGY!
A puny little rat complimenting another rat? Catt doesn't get this at all.
!!
Ahh,
hello there!
You're... Uh...
Catt-*nim*.
Cat...nip...?

Translator's Note: We don't normally include Korean honorifics in our translations, but this time is an exception as otherwise this pun is untranslatable without any alternative.
-nim functions like Mr./Mrs./Mx.


What? No, I mean "Catt-*nim*"...
As in your name...
Actually... Taii. Umm...
They gave E.G.O to a feeble little rat who won't survive a day.
You don't need to be too harsh on a new agent, captain.
I'm talking to you. You'll be managing 'White Lake' starting today, whose level is HE.
In order of safety, Abnormality risk levels are ZAYIN, TETH, HE, WAW and ALEPH.
You'll die right away if you walk into its containment in some fabric uniform, hmm?
Catt will laugh if that happens.
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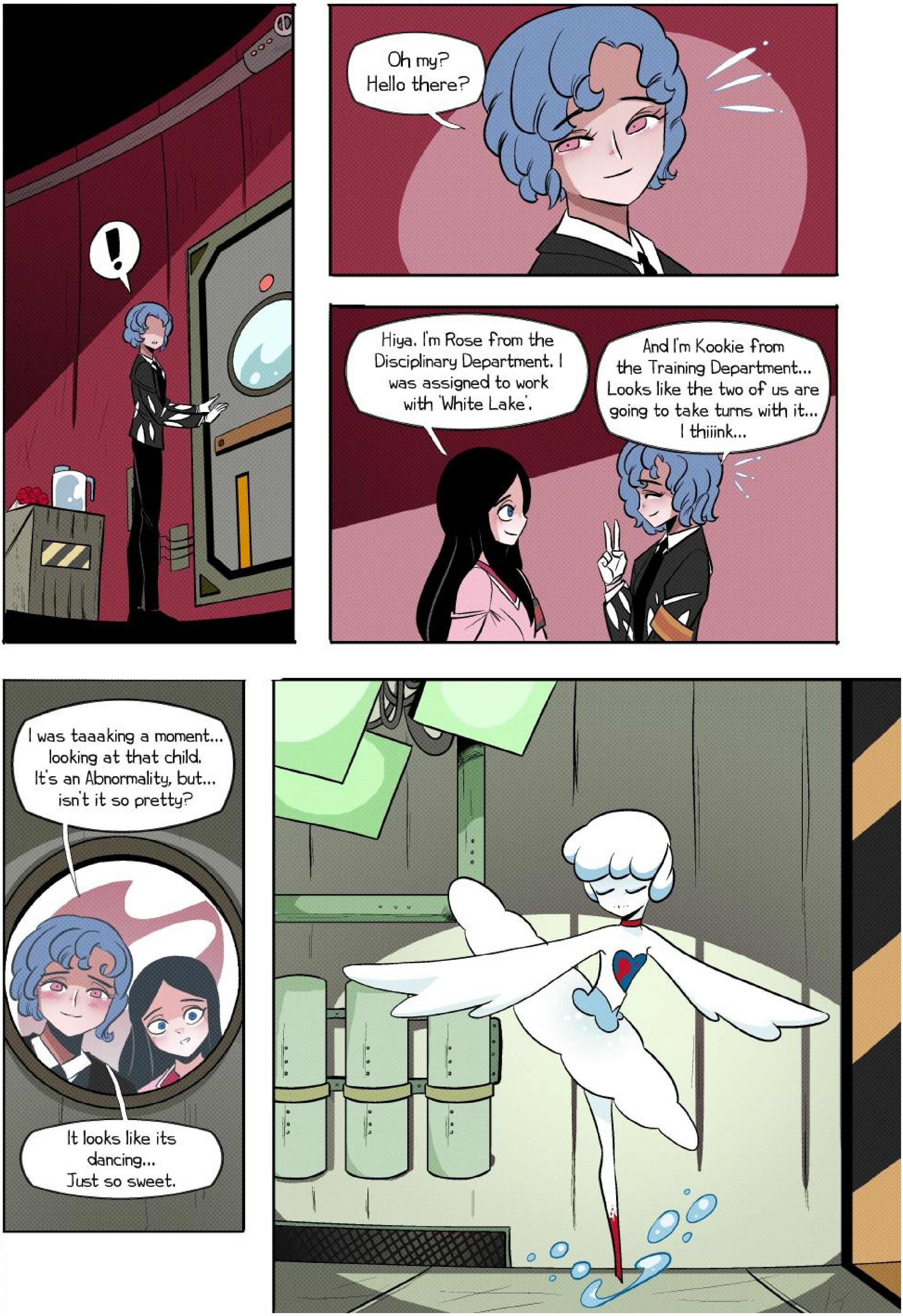
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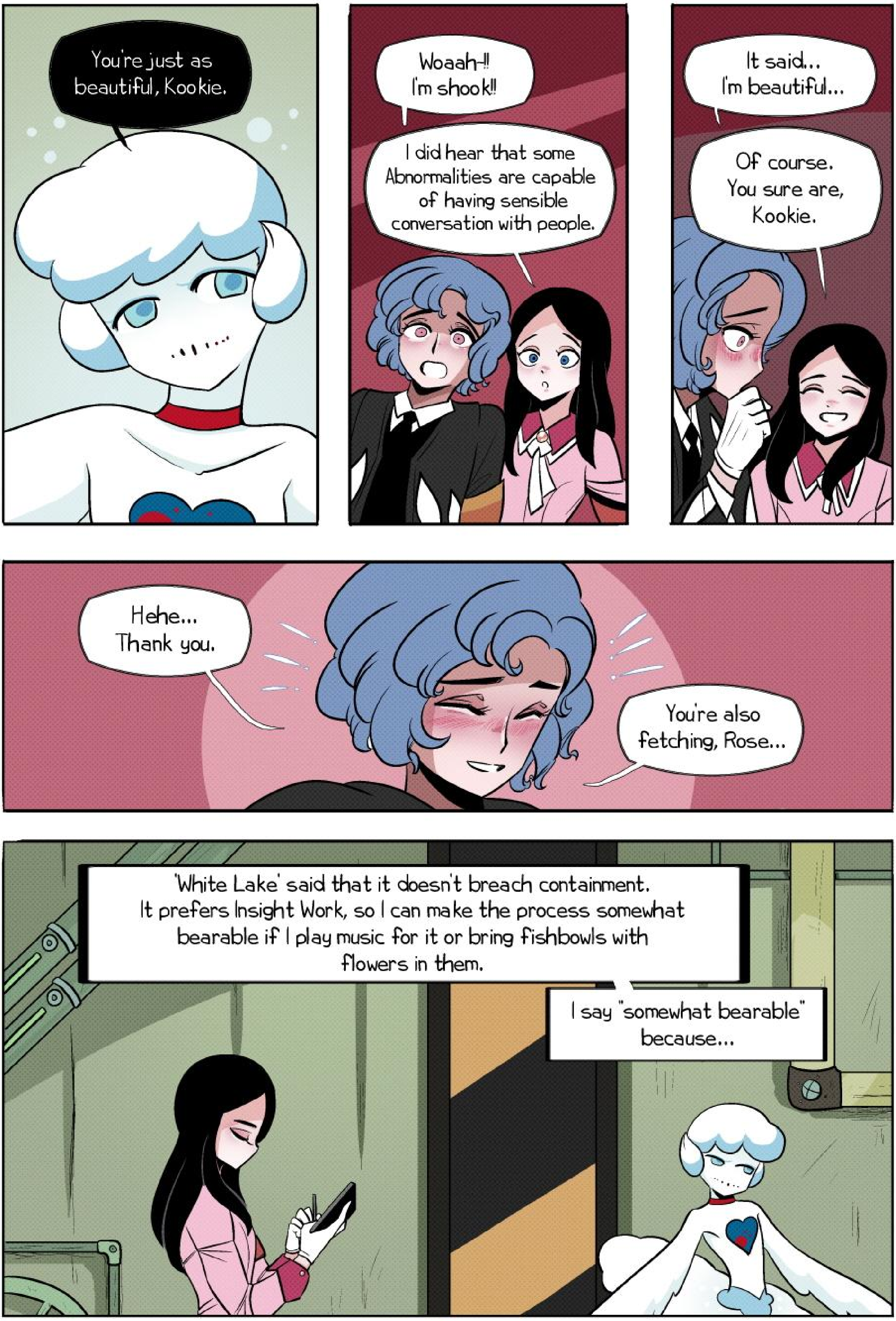
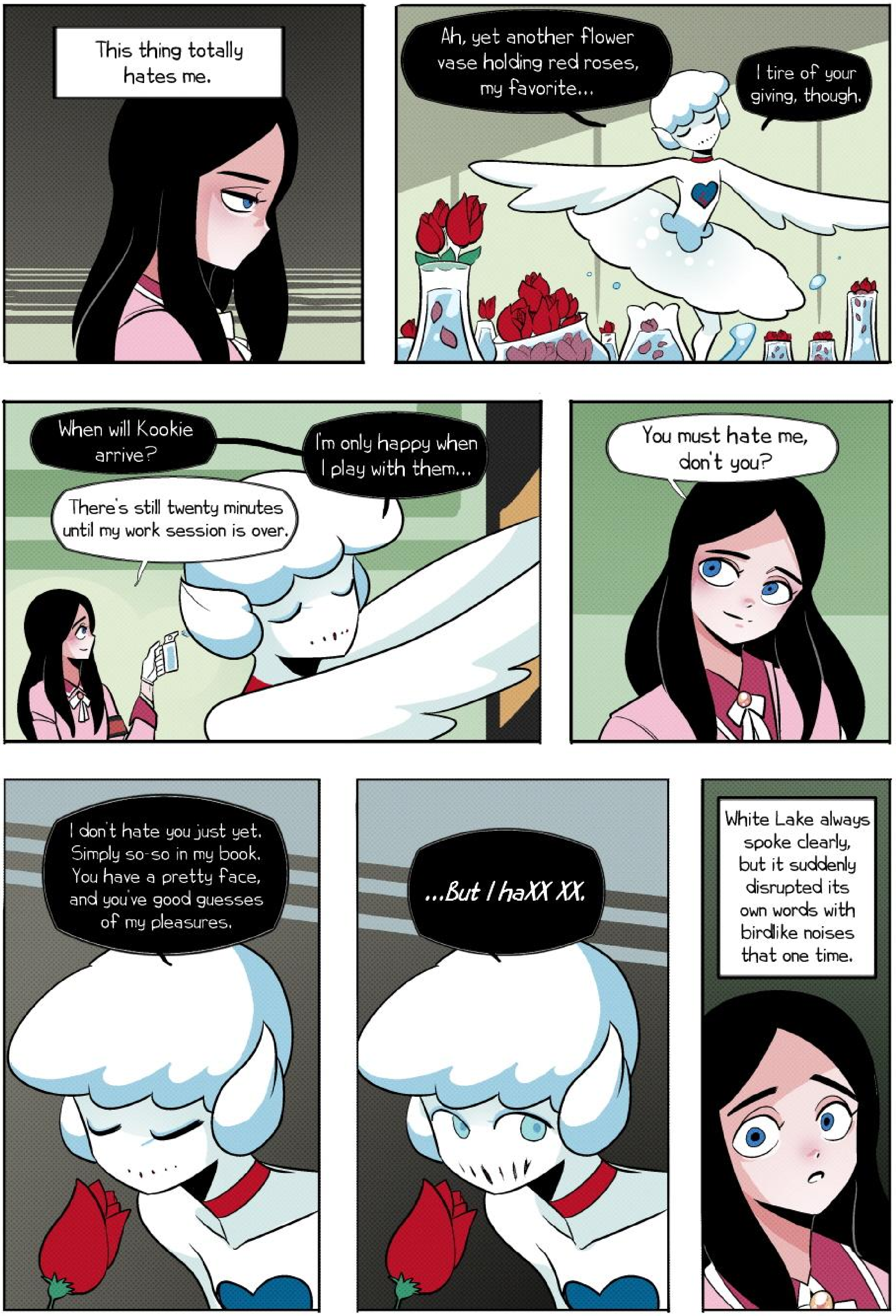
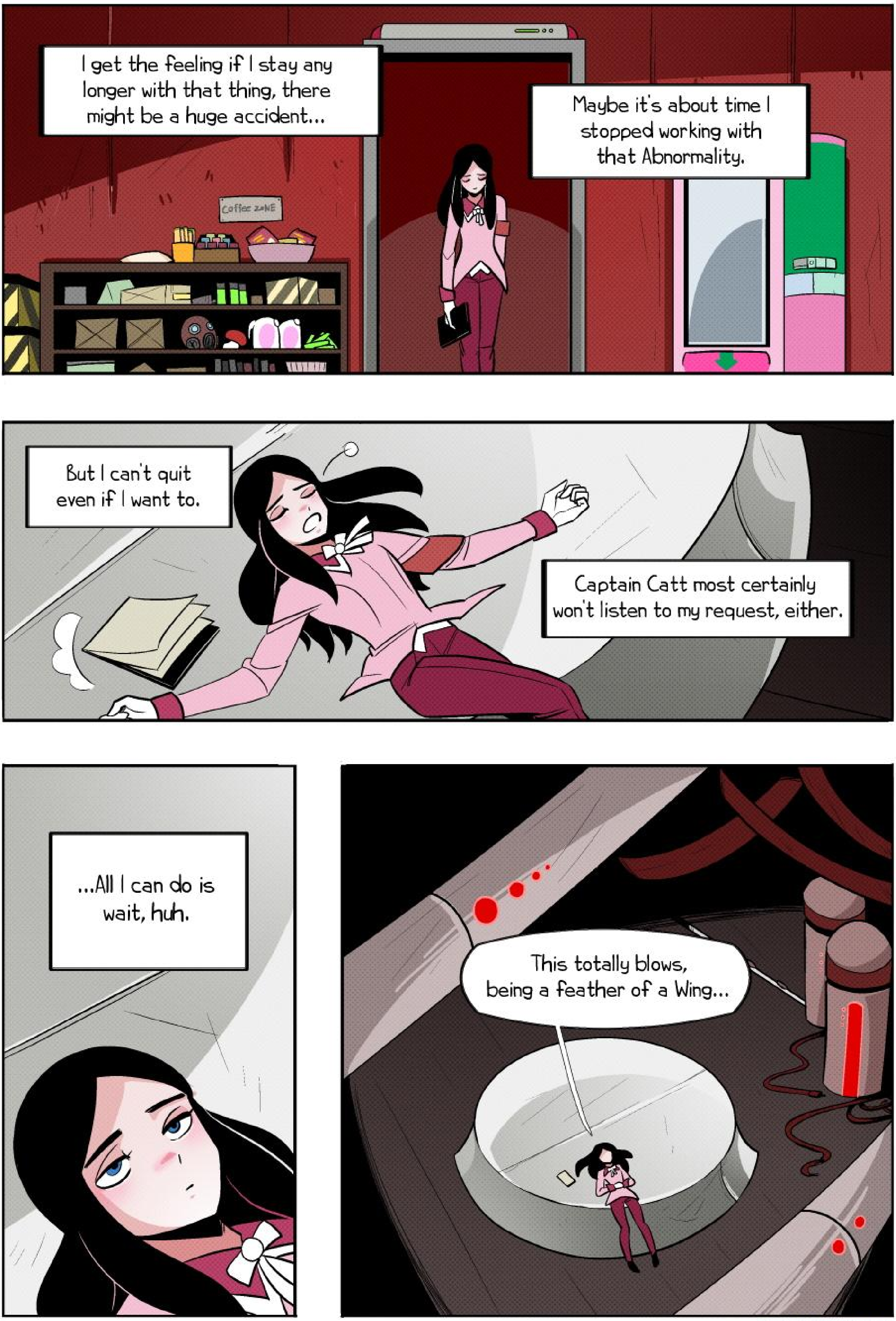
Oh my? Hello there?
Hiya. I'm Rose from the Disciplinary Department. I was assigned to work with 'White Lake'.
And I'm Kookie from the Training Department... Looks like the two of us are going to take turns with it... I thiiink...
I was taaaking a moment... looking at that child. It's an Abnormality, but... isn't it so pretty?
It looks like its dancing... Just so sweet.


You're just as beautiful, Kookie.
Woaah-!! I'm shook!!
I did hear that some Abnormalities are capable of having sensible conversation with people.
It said... I'm beautiful...
Of course. You sure are, Kookie.
Hehe... Thank you.
You're also fetching, Rose...
'White Lake' said that it doesn't breach containment. It prefers Insight Work, so I can make the process somewhat bearable if I play music for it or bring fishbowls with flowers in them.
I say "somewhat bearable" because...


This thing totally hates me.
Ah, yet another flower vase holding red roses, my favorite...
I tire of your giving, though.
When will Kookie arrive?
I'm only happy when I play with them...
There's still twenty minutes until my work session is over.
You must hate me, don't you?
I don't hate you just yet. Simply so-so in my book. You have a pretty face, and you've good guesses of my pleasures.
...But I haXX XX.
White Lake always spoke clearly, but it suddenly disrupted its own words with birdlike noises that one time.


I get the feeling if I stay any longer with that thing, there might be a huge accident...
Coffee zONE
Maybe it's about time I stopped working with that Abnormality.
But I can't quit even if I want to.
Captain Catt most certainly won't listen to my request, either.
...All I can do is wait, huh.
This totally blows, being a feather of a Wing...

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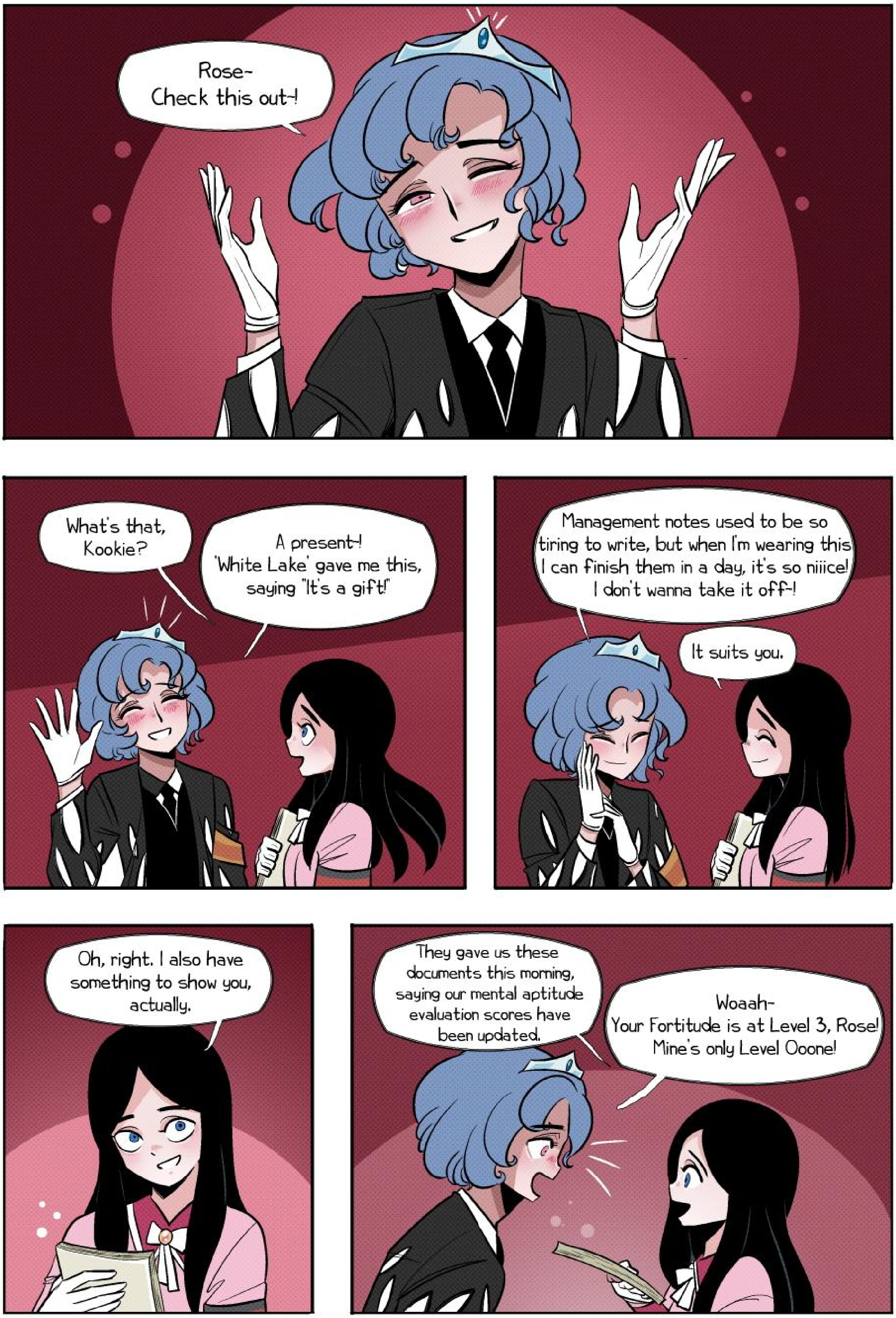
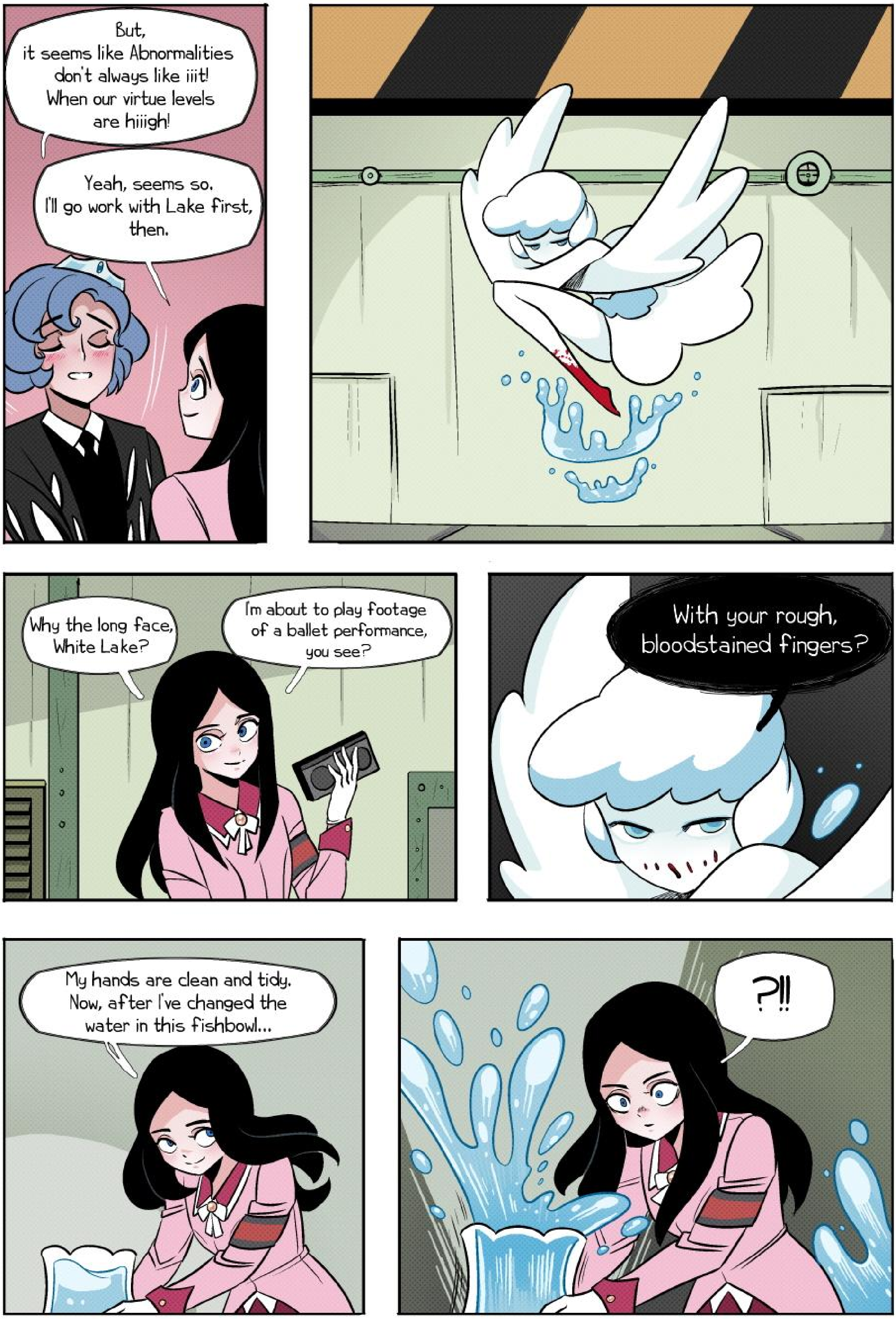

Rose~
Check this out~!
What's that, Kookie?
A present~! 'White Lake' gave me this, saying "It's a gift!"
Management notes used to be so tiring to write, but when I'm wearing this I can finish them in a day, it's so niiice! I don't wanna take it off~!
It suits you.
Oh, right. I also have something to show you, actually.
They gave us these documents this morning, saying our mental aptitude evaluation scores have been updated.
Woaah~
Your Fortitude is at Level 3, Rose! Mine's only Level Ooone!


But, it seems like Abnormalities don't always like iiit! When our virtue levels are hiiigh!
Yeah, seems so. I'll go work with Lake first, then.
Why the long face, White Lake?
I'm about to play footage of a ballet performance, you see?
With your rough, bloodstained fingers?
My hands are clean and tidy. Now, after I've changed the water in this fishbowl...
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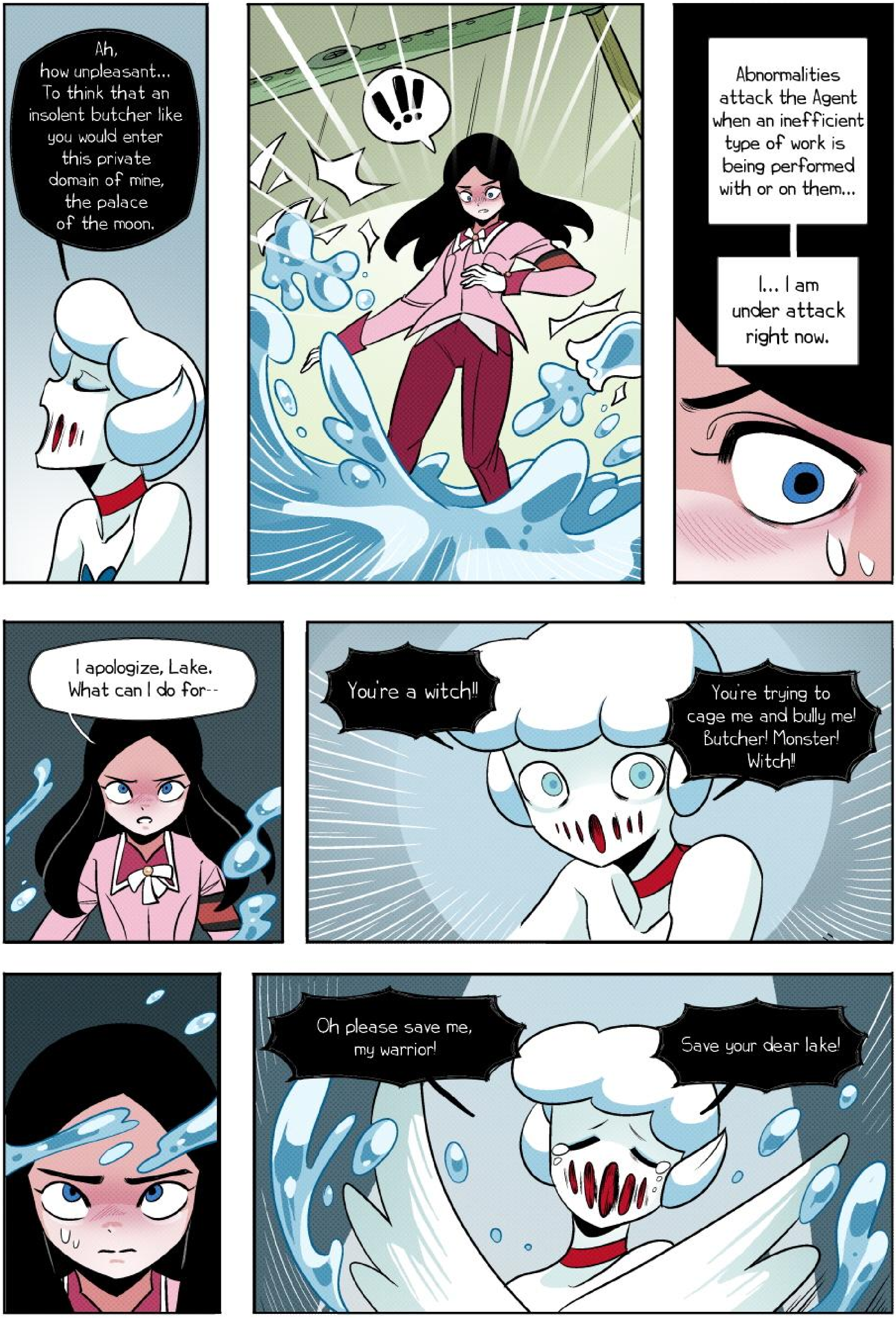
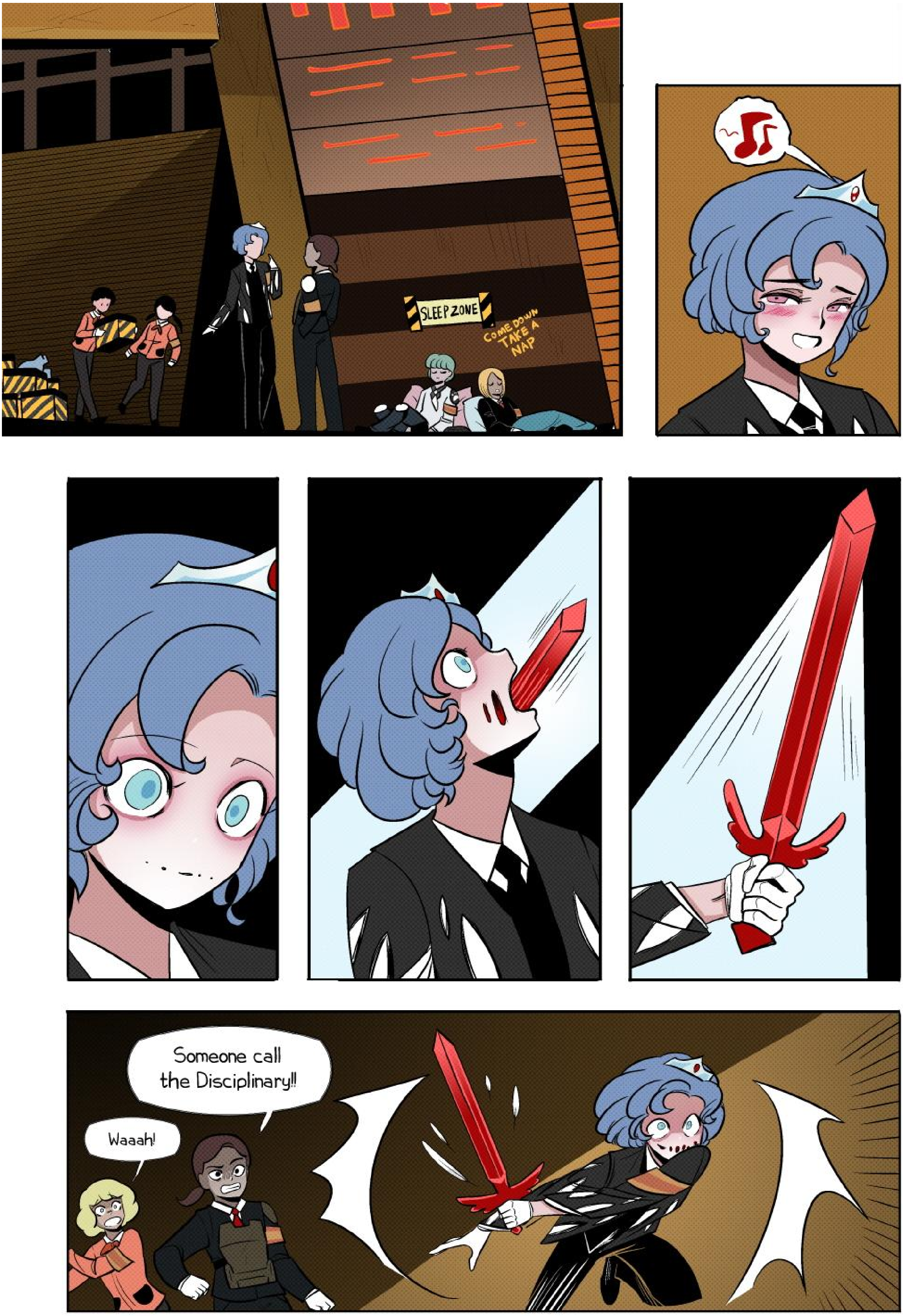
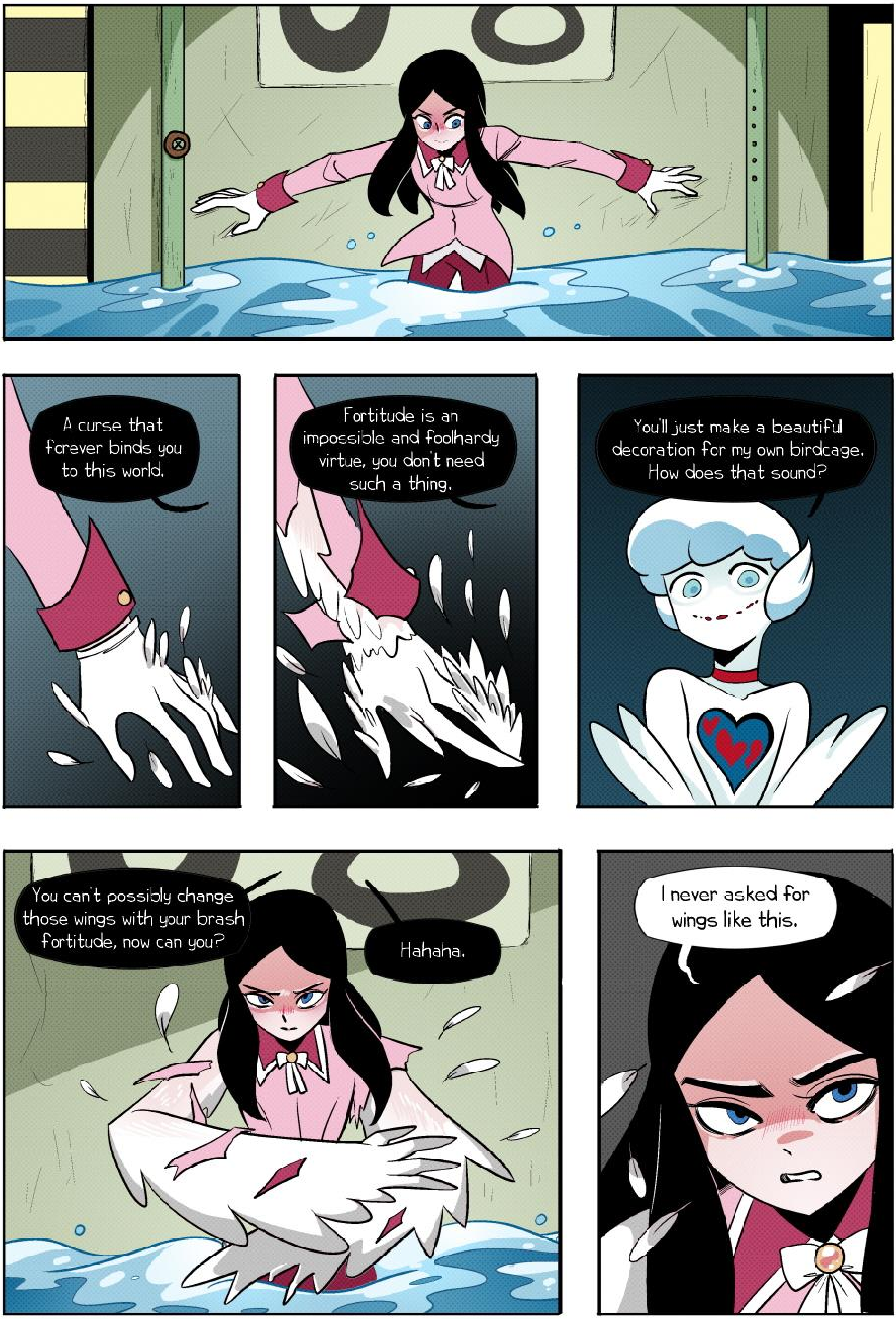
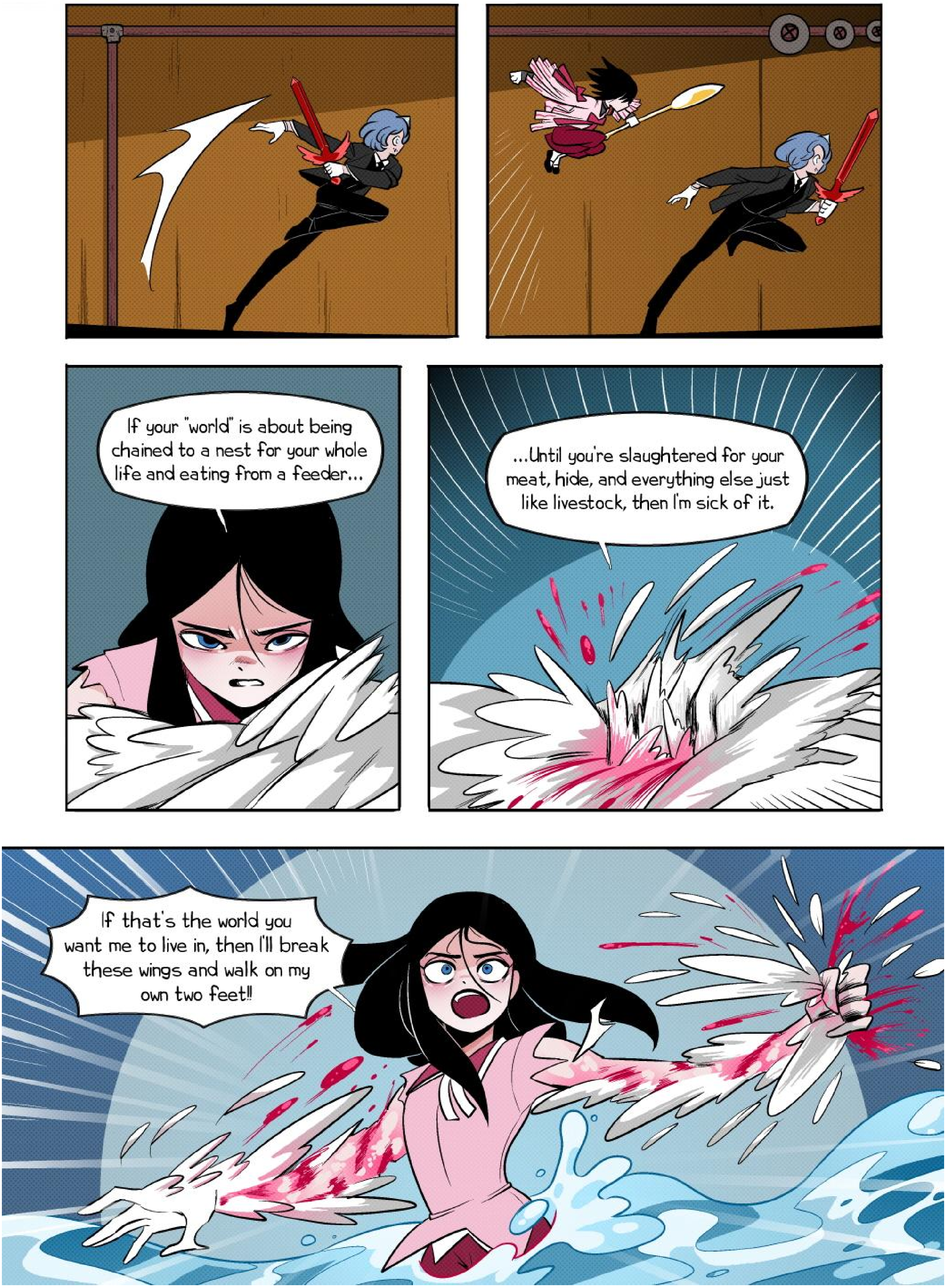
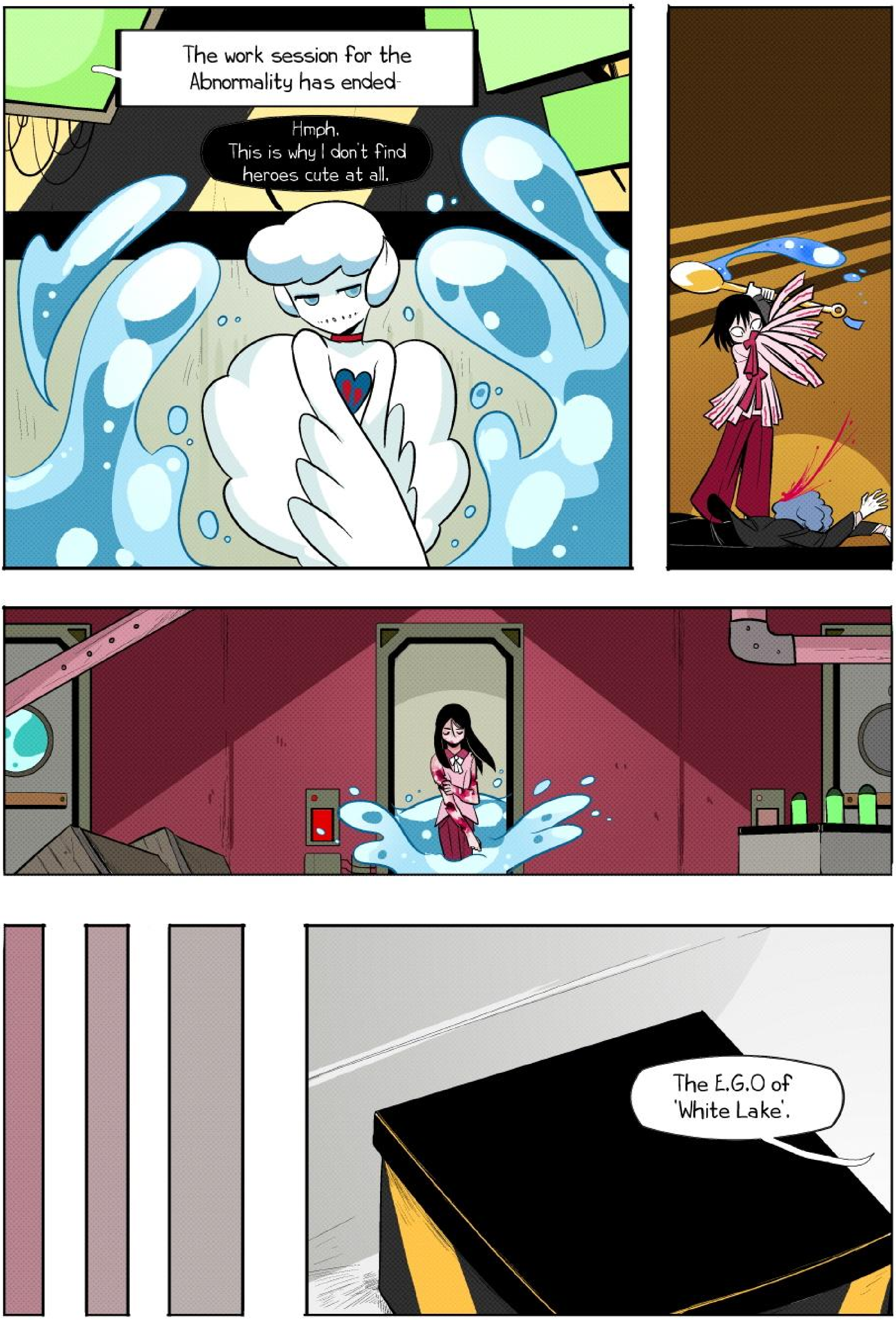
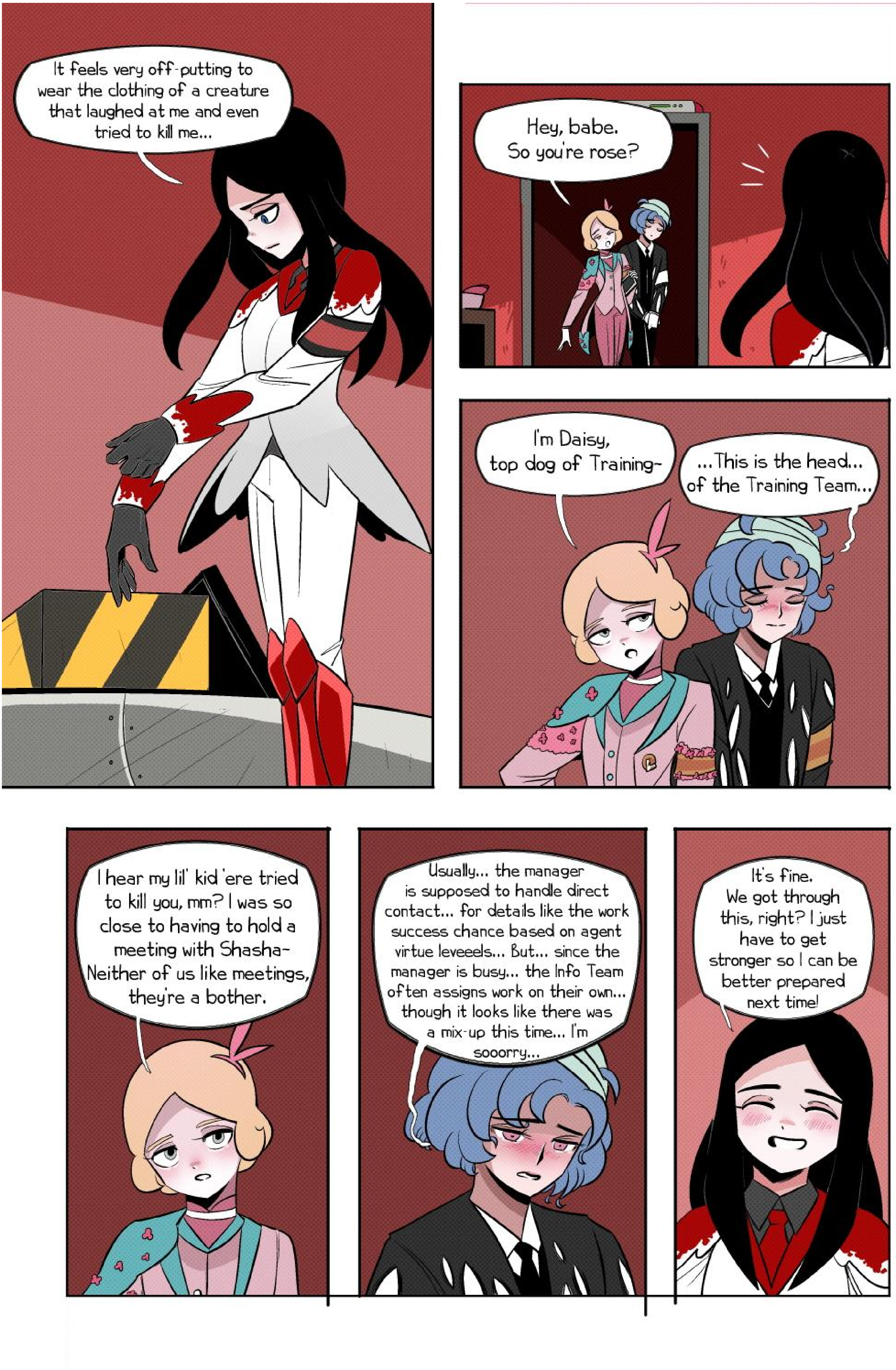

Ah, how unpleasant... To think that an insolent butcher like you would enter this private domain of mine, the palace of the moon.
!!!
Abnormalities attack the Agent when an inefficient type of work is being performed with or on them...
I... I am under attack right now.
I apologize, Lake. What can I do for--
You're a witch!!
You're trying to cage me and bully me! Butcher! Monster! Witch!!
Oh please save me, my warrior!
Save your dear lake!

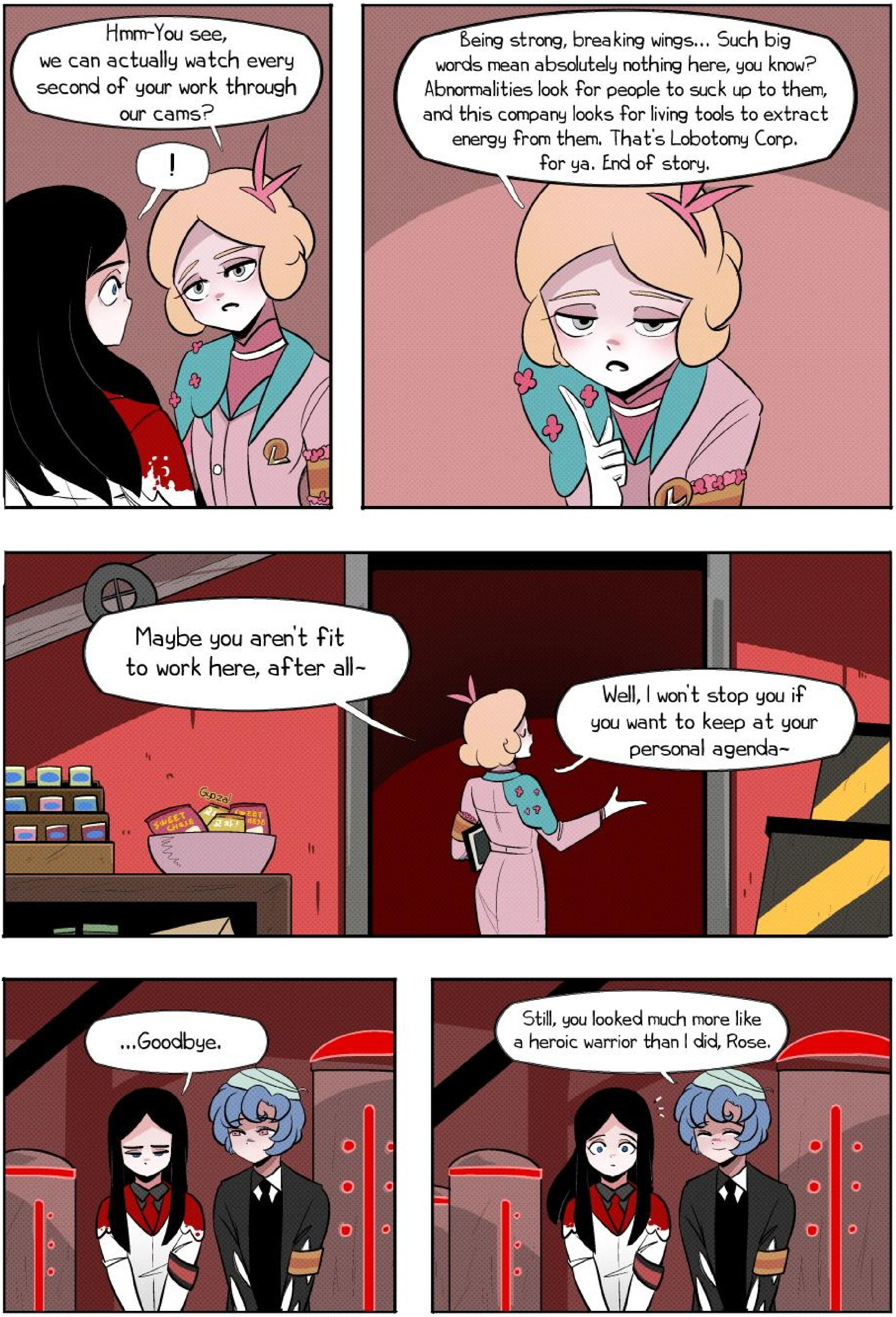

SLEEP ZONE
COME DOWN TAKE A NAP
Someone call the Disciplinary!!
Waaah!

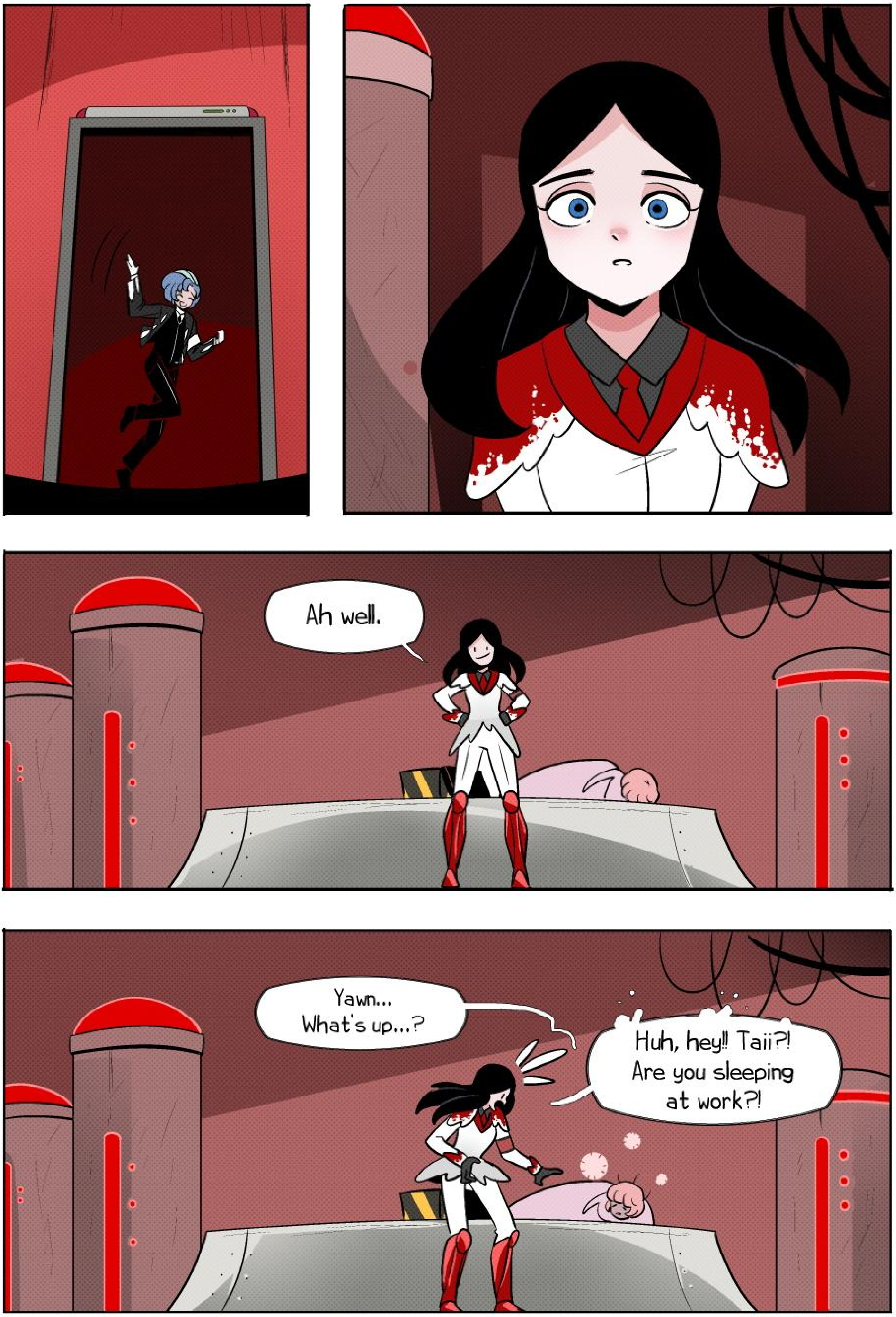

A curse that forever binds you to this world.
Fortitude is an impossible and foolhardy virtue, you don't need such a thing.
You'll just make a beautiful decoration for my own birdcage. How does that sound?
You can't possibly change those wings with your brash fortitude, now can you?
Hahaha.
I never asked for wings like this.


If your "world" is about being chained to a nest for your whole life and eating from a feeder...
...Until you're slaughtered for your meat, hide, and everything else just like livestock, then I'm sick of it.
If that's the world you want me to live in, then I'll break these wings and walk on my own two feet!!


The work session for the Abnormality has ended-
Hmph.
This is why I don't find heroes cute at all.
The E.G.O of 'White Lake'.


It feels very off-putting to wear the clothing of a creature that laughed at me and even tried to kill me...
Hey, babe. So you're rose?
I'm Daisy, top dog of Training~
...This is the head... of the Training Team...
I hear my lil' kid 'ere tried to kill you, mm? I was so close to having to hold a meeting with Shasha~ Neither of us like meetings, they're a bother.
Usually... the manager is supposed to handle direct contact... for details like the work success chance based on agent virtue leveeels... But... since the manager is busy... the Info Team often assigns work on their own... though it looks like there was a mix-up this time... I'm sooorry...
It's fine. We got through this, right? I just have to get stronger so I can be better prepared next time!


Hmm-You see, we can actually watch every second of your work through our cams?
!
Being strong, breaking wings... Such big words mean absolutely nothing here, you know? Abnormalities look for people to suck up to them, and this company looks for living tools to extract energy from them. That's Lobotomy Corp. for ya. End of story.
Maybe you aren't fit to work here, after all~
Gupza!
Well, I won't stop you if you want to keep at your personal agenda~
...Goodbye.
Still, you looked much more like a heroic warrior than I did, Rose.


Ah well.
Yawn... What's up...?
Huh, hey!! Taii?! Are you sleeping at work?!

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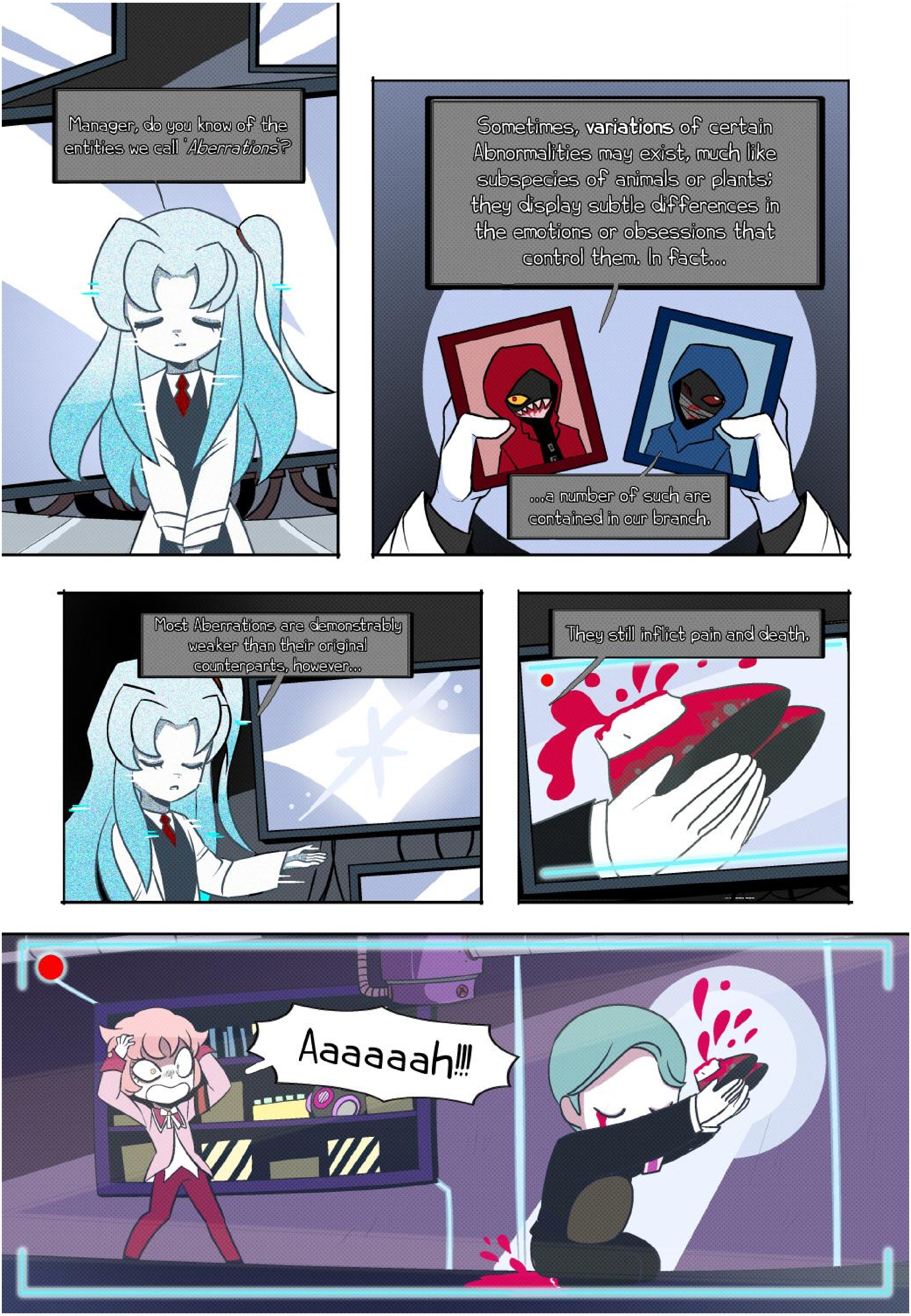
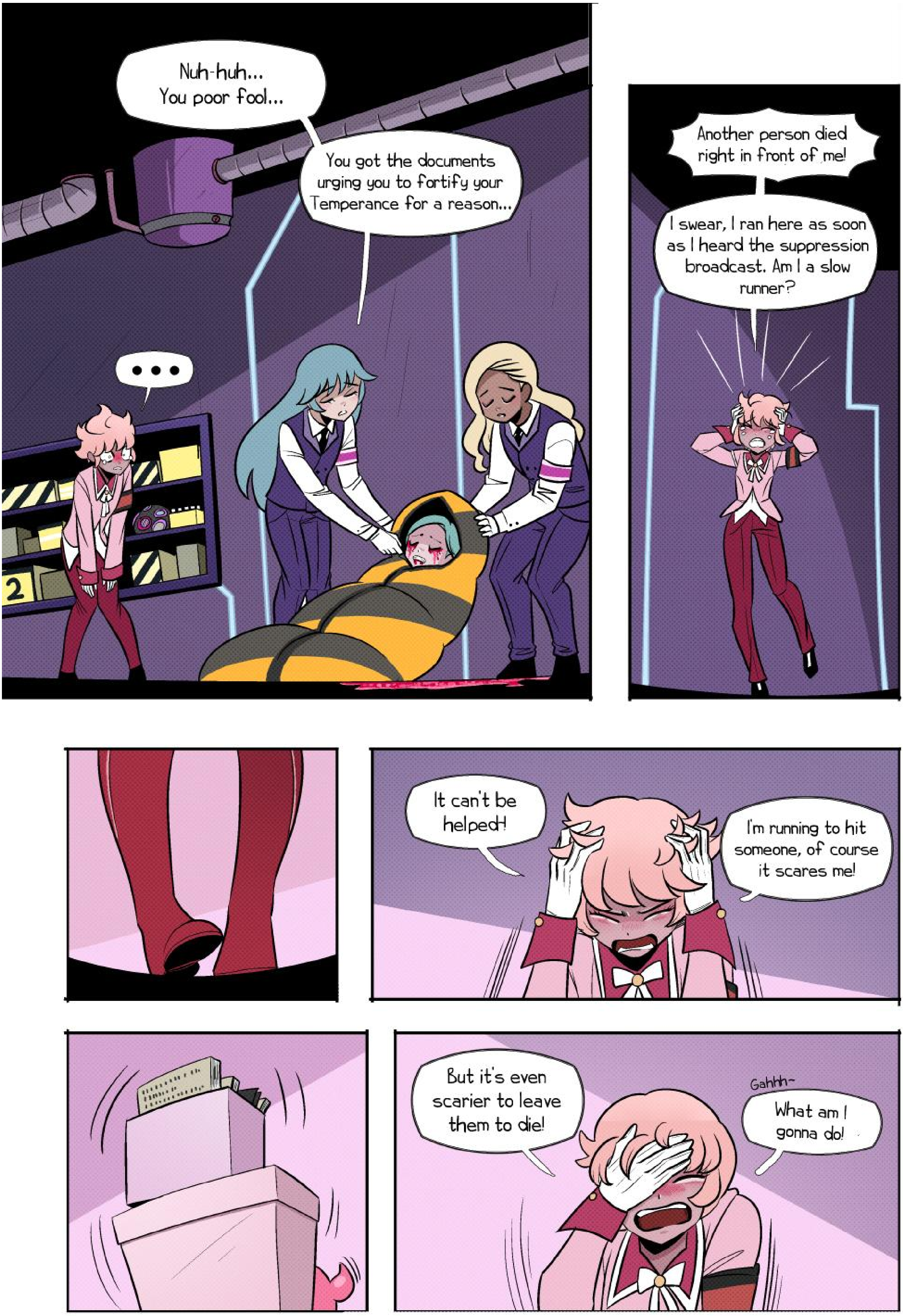
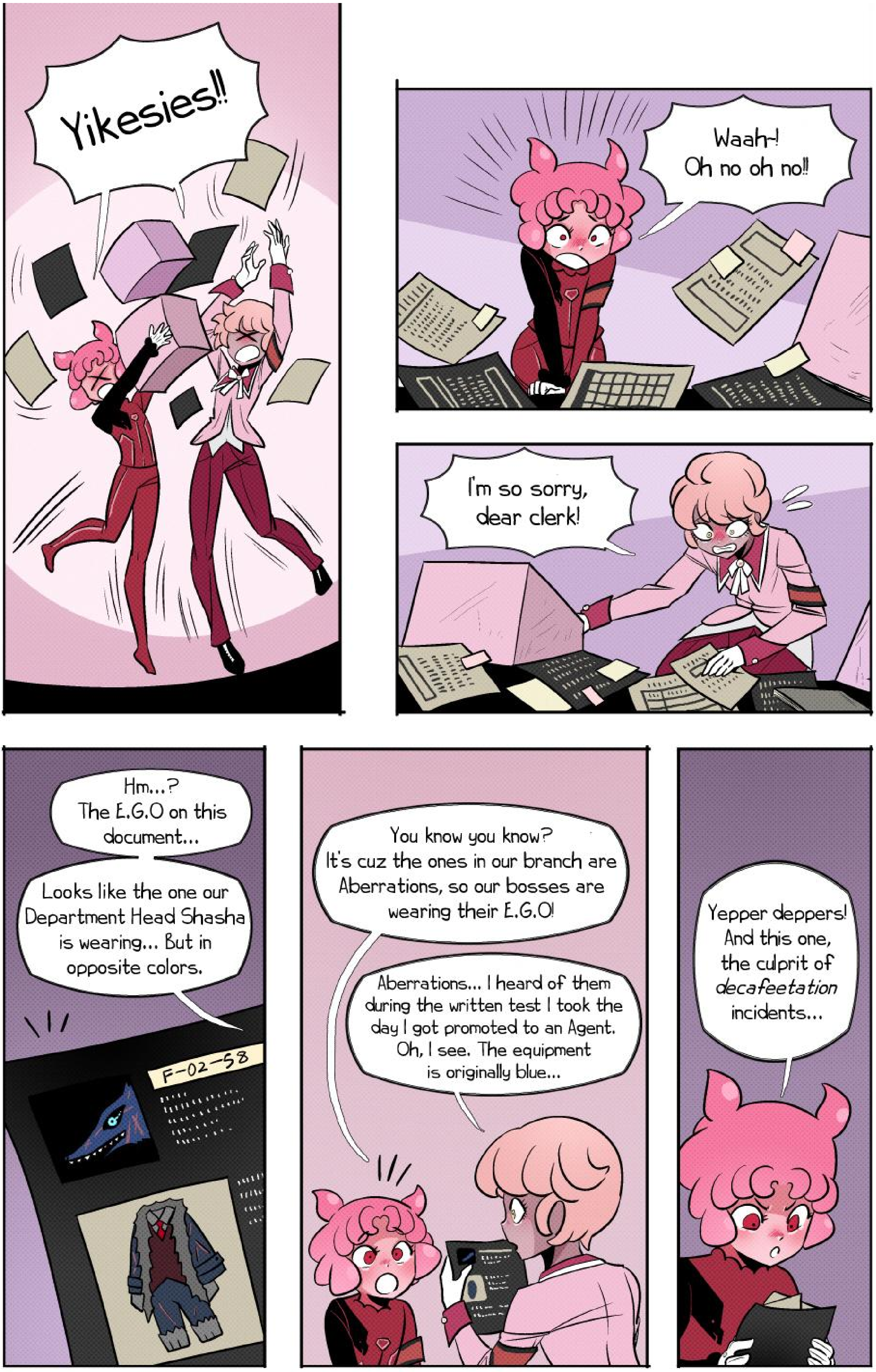

Manager, do you know of the entities we call '*Aberrations*'?
Sometimes, **variations** of certain Abnormalities may exist, much like subspecies of animals or plants; they display subtle differences in the emotions or obsessions that control them. In fact...
...a number of such are contained in our branch.
Most Aberrations are demonstrably weaker than their original counterparts, however...
They still inflict pain and death.
Aaaaaah!!!


Nuh-huh...
You poor fool...
You got the documents urging you to fortify your Temperance for a reason...
...
Another person died right in front of me!
I swear, I ran here as soon as I heard the suppression broadcast. Am I a slow runner?
It can't be helped!
I'm running to hit someone, of course it scares me!
But it's even scarier to leave them to die!
Gahhh-
What am I gonna do!


Yikesies!!
Waah-! Oh no oh no!!
I'm so sorry, dear clerk!
Hm...? The E.G.O on this document...
Looks like the one our Department Head Shasha is wearing... But in opposite colors.
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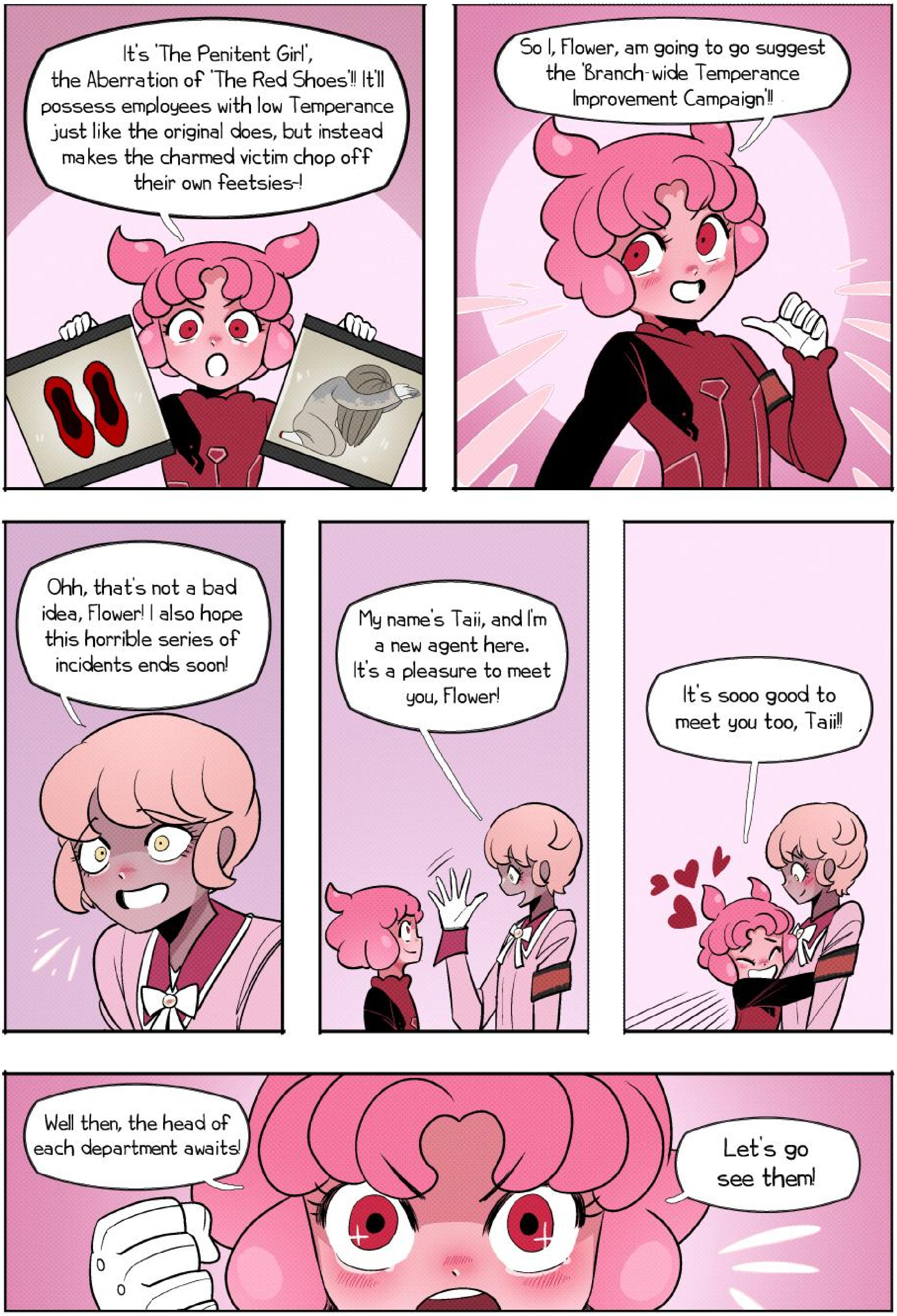
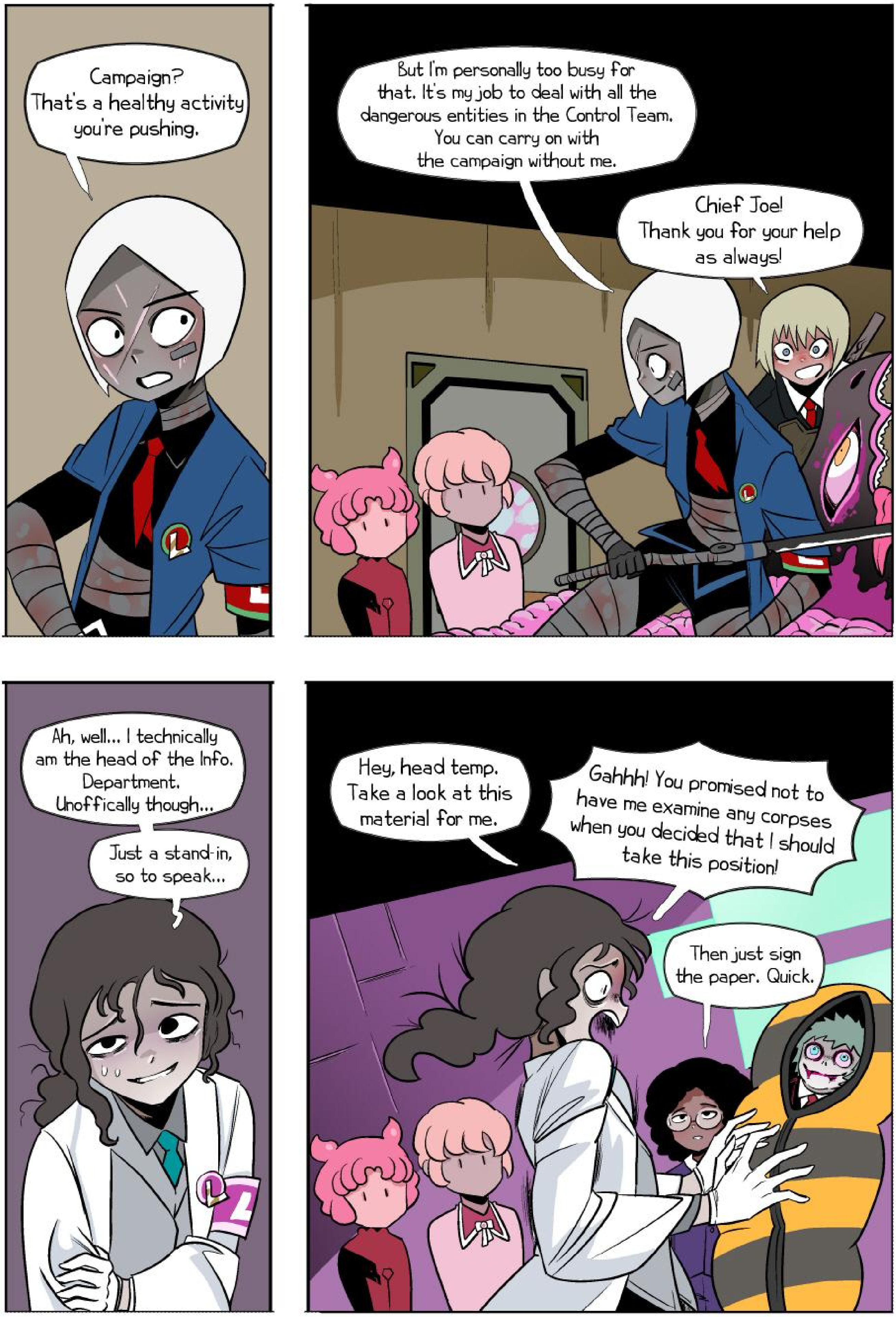
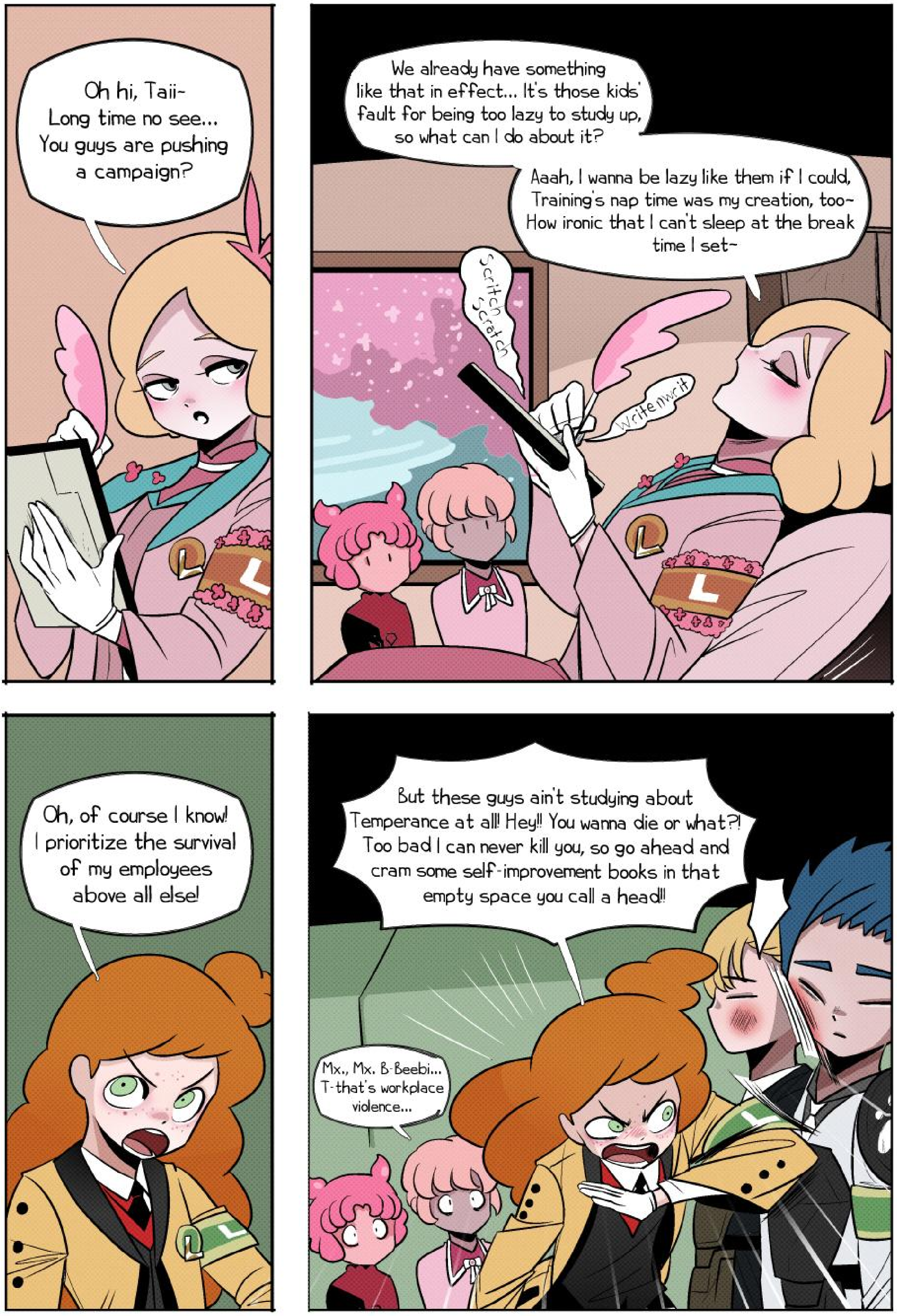
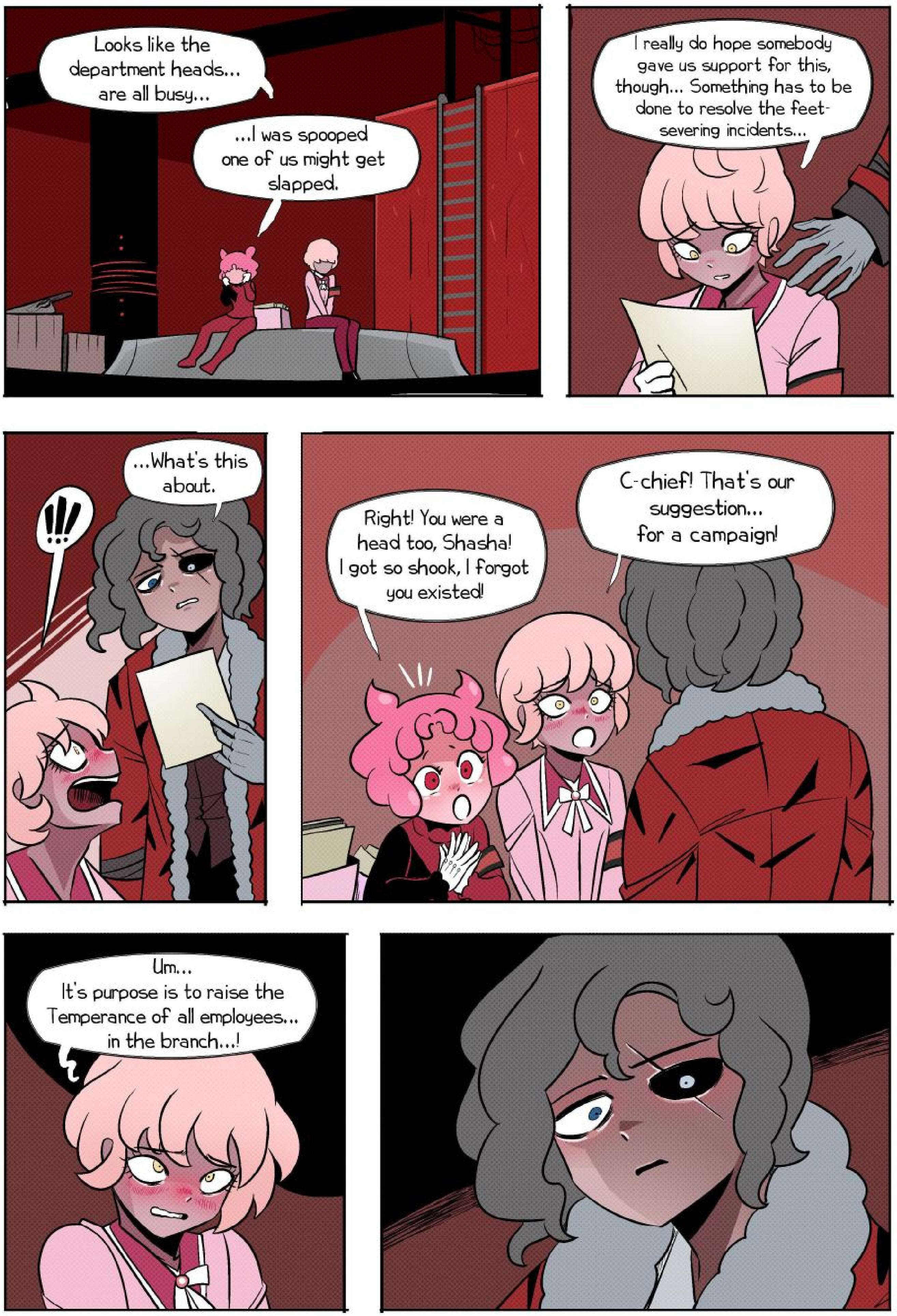
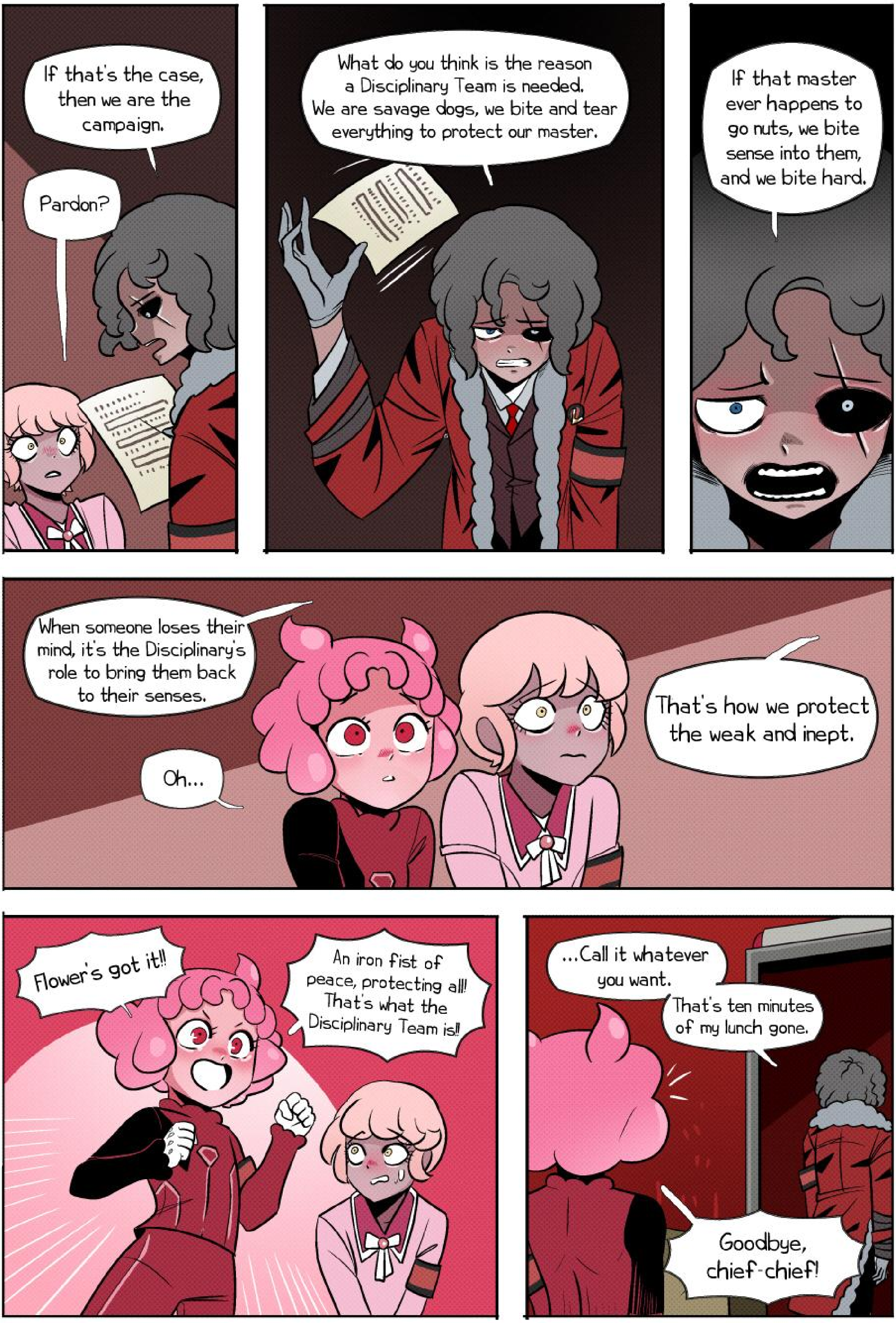
You know you know? It's cuz the ones in our branch are Aberrations, so our bosses are wearing their E.G.O!
Aberrations... I heard of them during the written test I took the day I got promoted to an Agent. Oh, I see. The equipment is originally blue...
Yepper deppers! And this one, the culprit of *decafeetation* incidents...

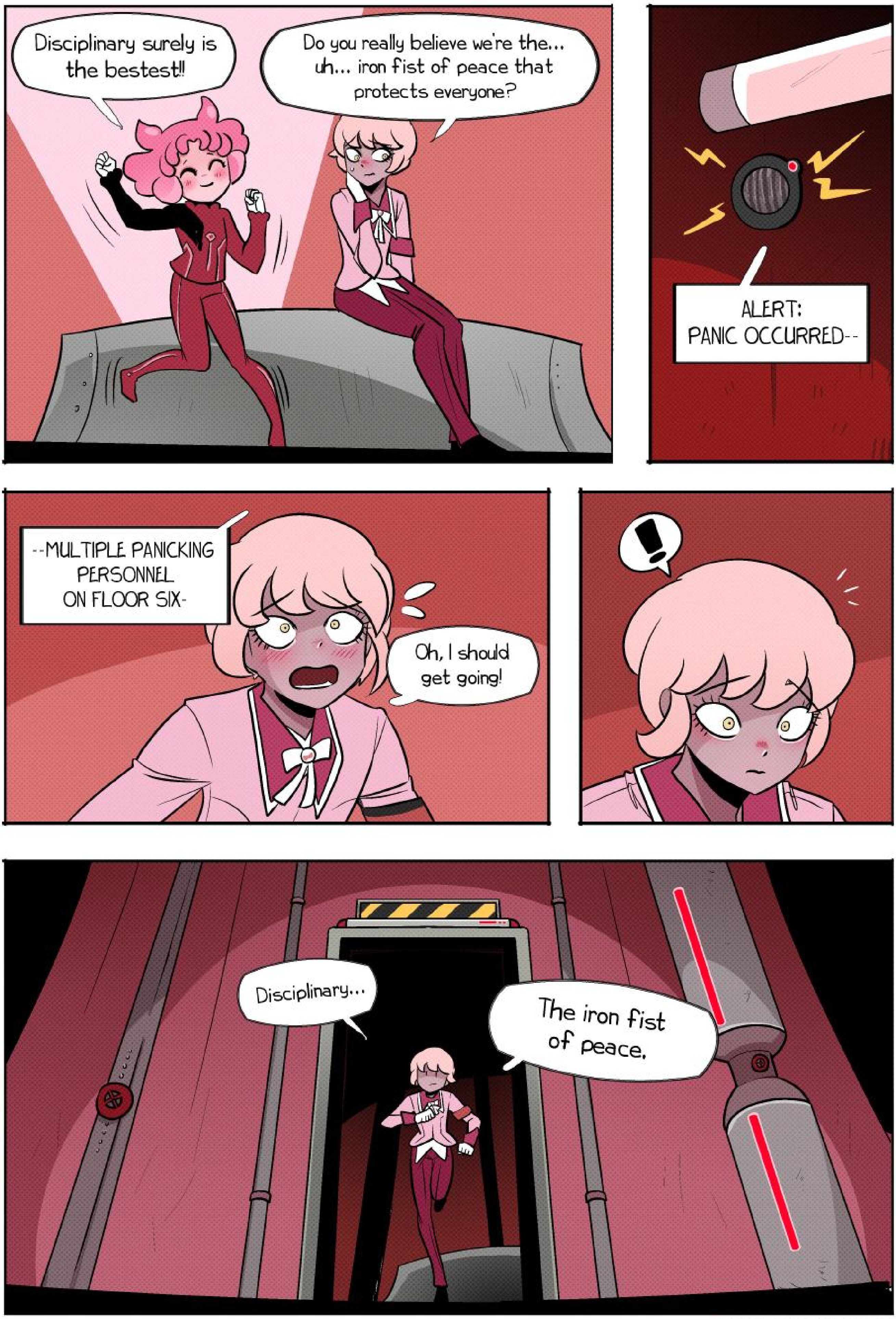

It's 'The Penitent Girl', the Aberration of 'The Red Shoes'!! It'll possess employees with low Temperance just like the original does, but instead makes the charmed victim chop off their own feetsies-!
So I, Flower, am going to go suggest the 'Branch-wide Temperance Improvement Campaign'!!
Ohh, that's not a bad idea, Flower! I also hope this horrible series of incidents ends soon!
My name's Taii, and I'm a new agent here. It's a pleasure to meet you, Flower!
It's sooo good to meet you too, Taii!!
Well then, the head of each department awaits!
Let's go see them!


Campaign? That's a healthy activity you're pushing.
But I'm personally too busy for that. It's my job to deal with all the dangerous entities in the Control Team. You can carry on with the campaign without me.
Chief Joe! Thank you for your help as always!
Ah, well... I technically am the head of the Info. Department. Unofficaly though...
Just a stand-in, so to speak...
Hey, head temp. Take a look at this material for me.
Gahhh! You promised not to have me examine any corpses when you decided that I should take this position!
Then just sign the paper. Quick.


Oh hi, Taii~ Long time no see... You guys are pushing a campaign?
We already have something like that in effect... It's those kids' fault for being too lazy to study up, so what can I do about it?
Aaah, I wanna be lazy like them if I could, Training's nap time was my creation, too~ How ironic that I can't sleep at the break time I set~
Scritch scratch
Writewrit
Oh, of course I know! I prioritize the survival of my employees above all else!
But these guys ain't studying about Temperance at all! Hey!! You wanna die or what?! Too bad I can never kill you, so go ahead and cram some self-improvement books in that empty space you call a head!!
Mx., Mx. B-Beebi... T-that's workplace violence...


Looks like the department heads... are all busy...
...I was spooped one of us might get slapped.
I really do hope somebody gave us support for this, though... Something has to be done to resolve the feet-severing incidents...
...What's this about.
!!!
C-chief! That's our suggestion... for a campaign!
Right! You were a head too, Shasha! I got so shook, I forgot you existed!
Um... It's purpose is to raise the Temperance of all employees... in the branch...!


If that's the case, then we are the campaign.
Pardon?
What do you think is the reason a Disciplinary Team is needed. We are savage dogs, we bite and tear everything to protect our master.
If that master ever happens to go nuts, we bite sense into them, and we bite hard.
When someone loses their mind, it's the Disciplinary's role to bring them back to their senses.
Oh...
That's how we protect the weak and inept.
Flower's got it!!
An iron fist of peace, protecting all! That's what the Disciplinary Team is!!
...Call it whatever you want.
That's ten minutes of my lunch gone.
Goodbye, chief-chief!


Disciplinary surely is the bestest!!
Do you really believe we're the... uh... iron fist of peace that protects everyone?
ALERT: PANIC OCCURRED--
--MULTIPLE PANICKING PERSONNEL ON FLOOR SIX-
Oh, I should get going!
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Disciplinary...
The iron fist of peace.

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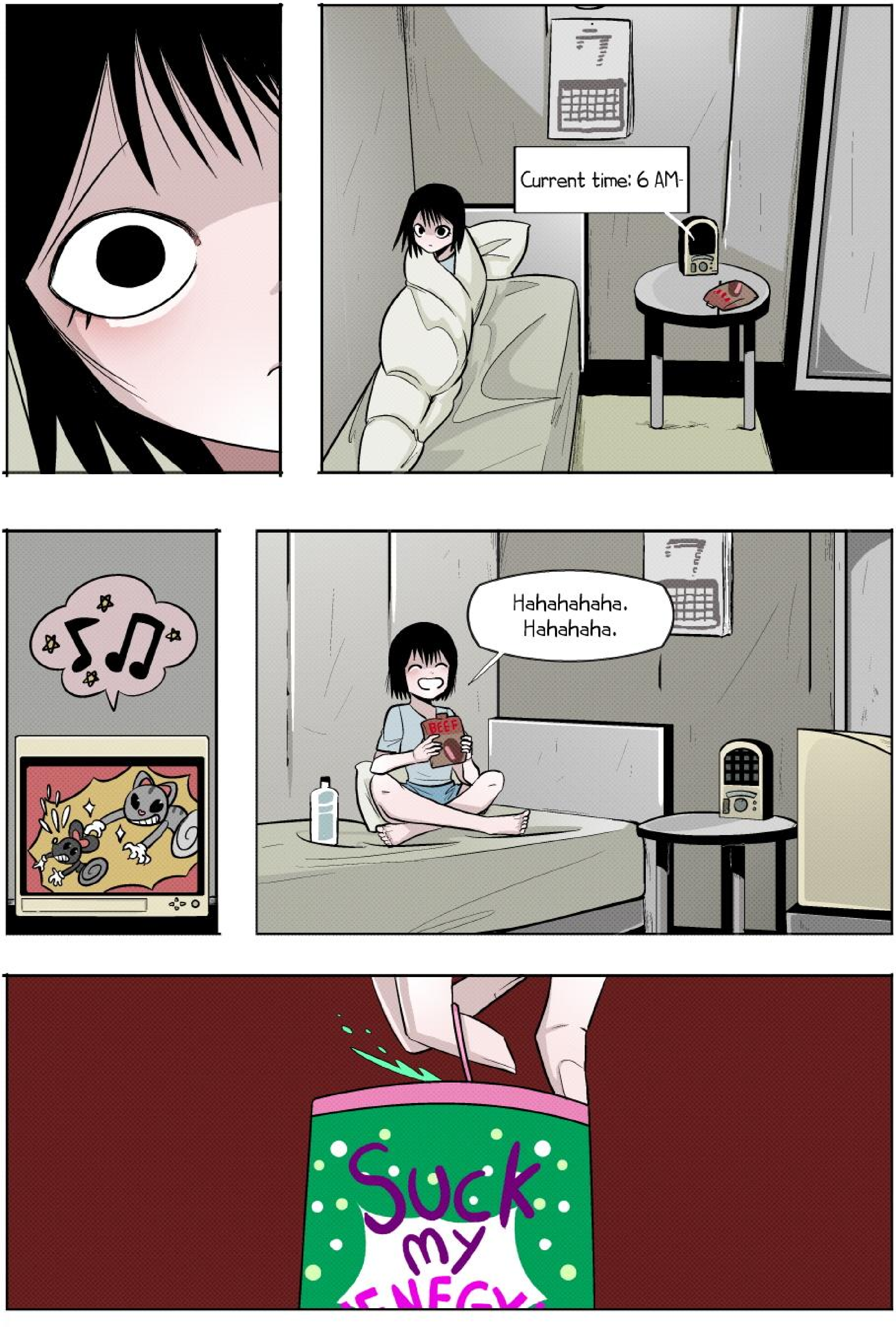
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Current time: 6 AM-
Hahahahaha.
Hahahaha.
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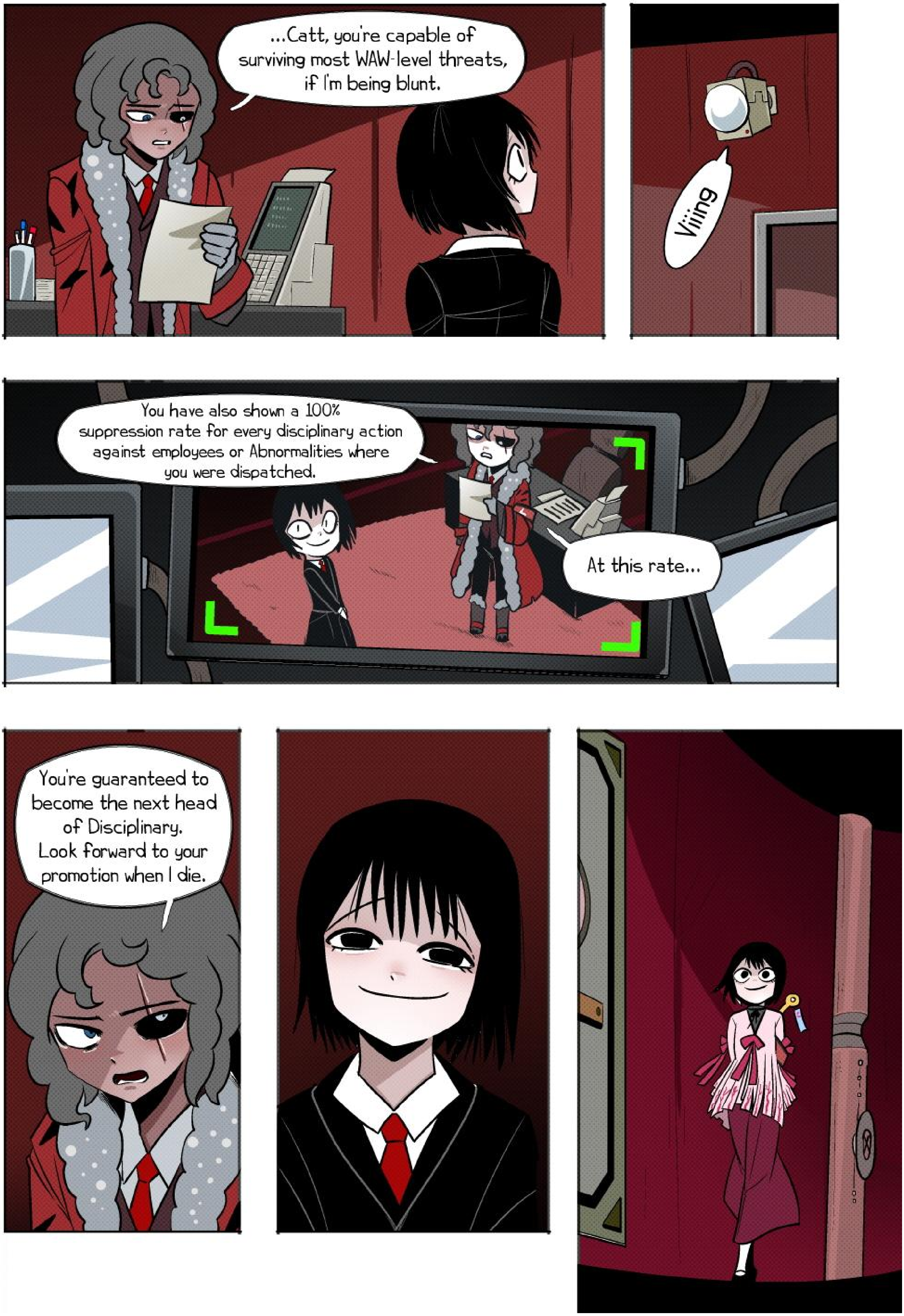
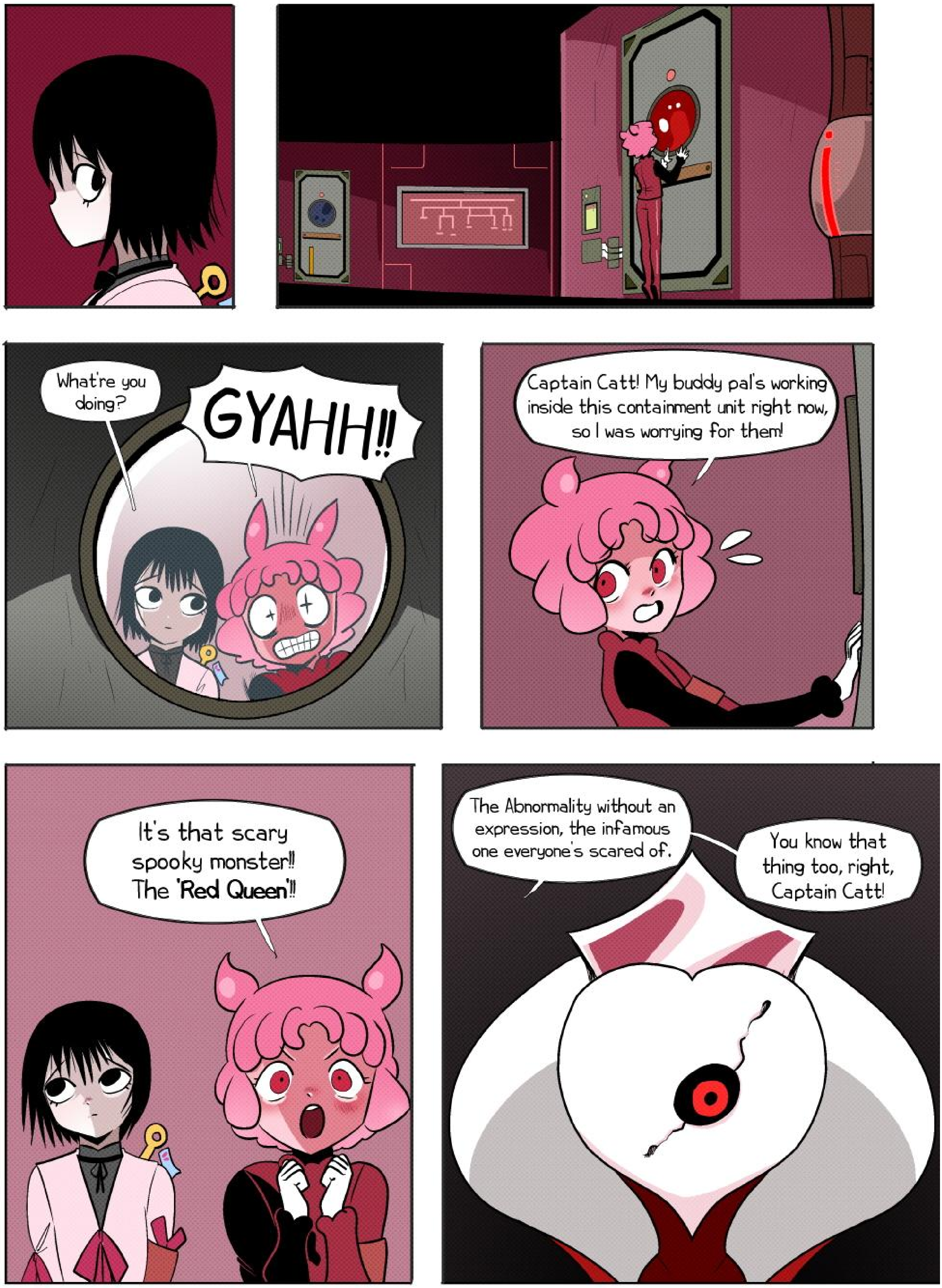
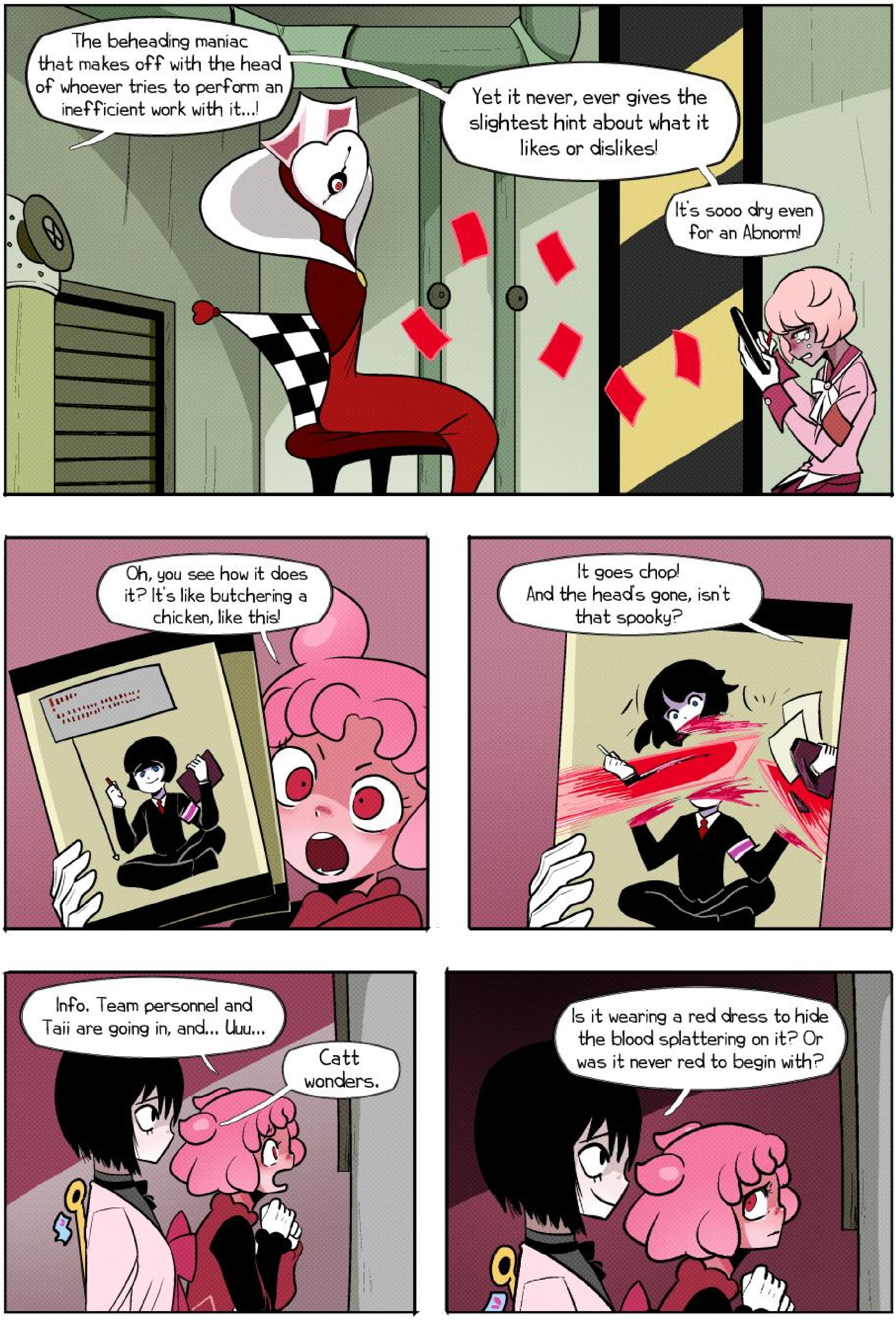
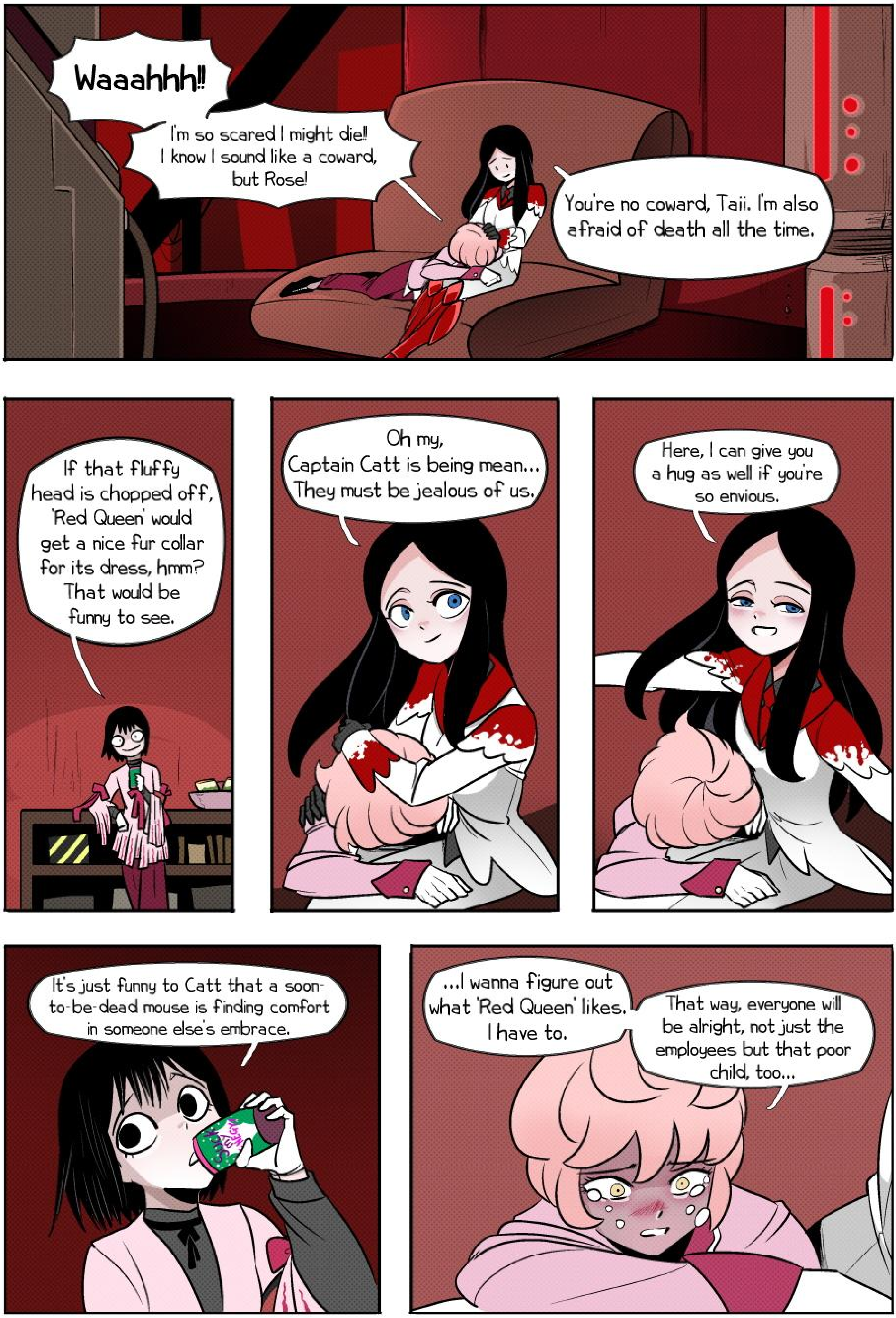
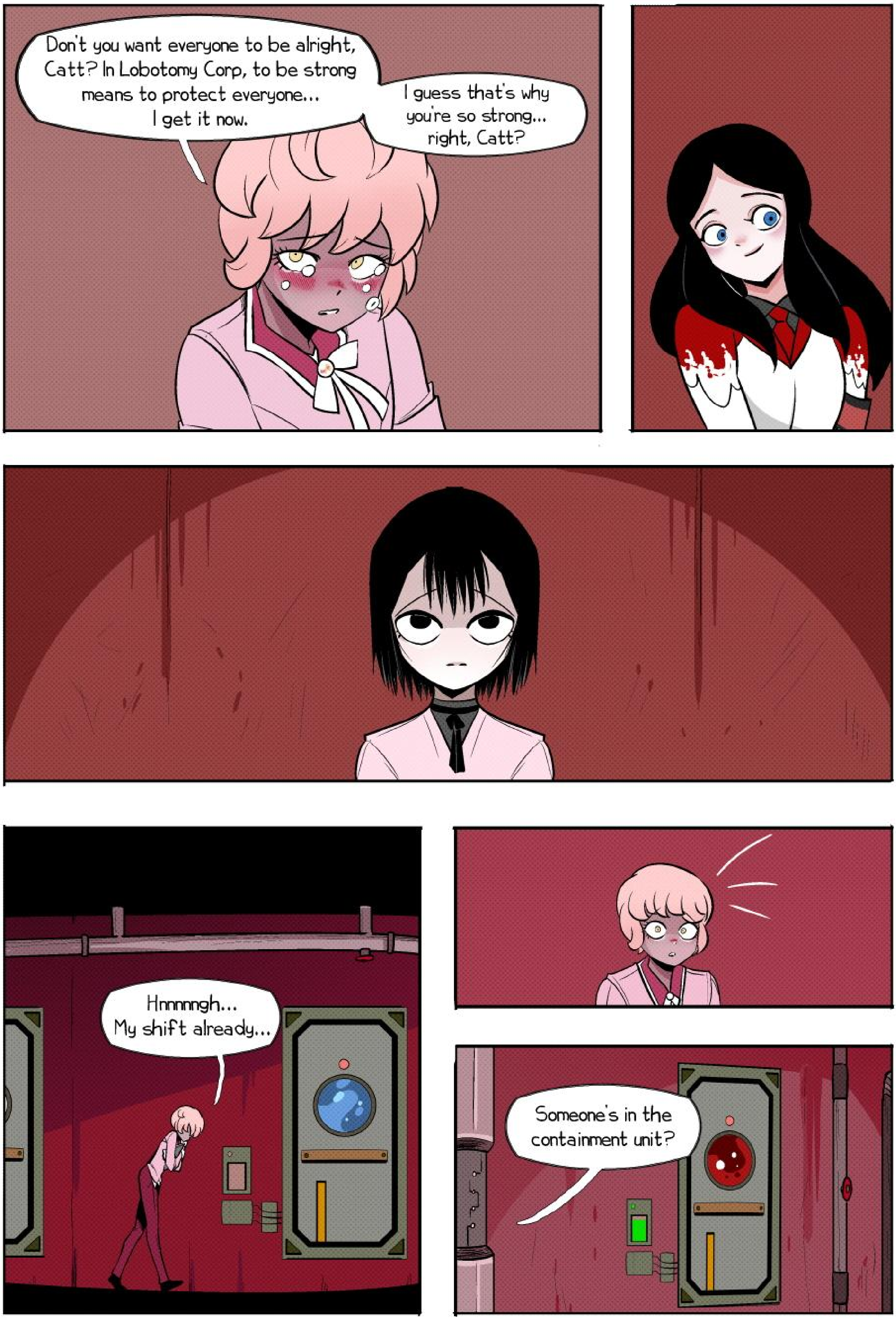
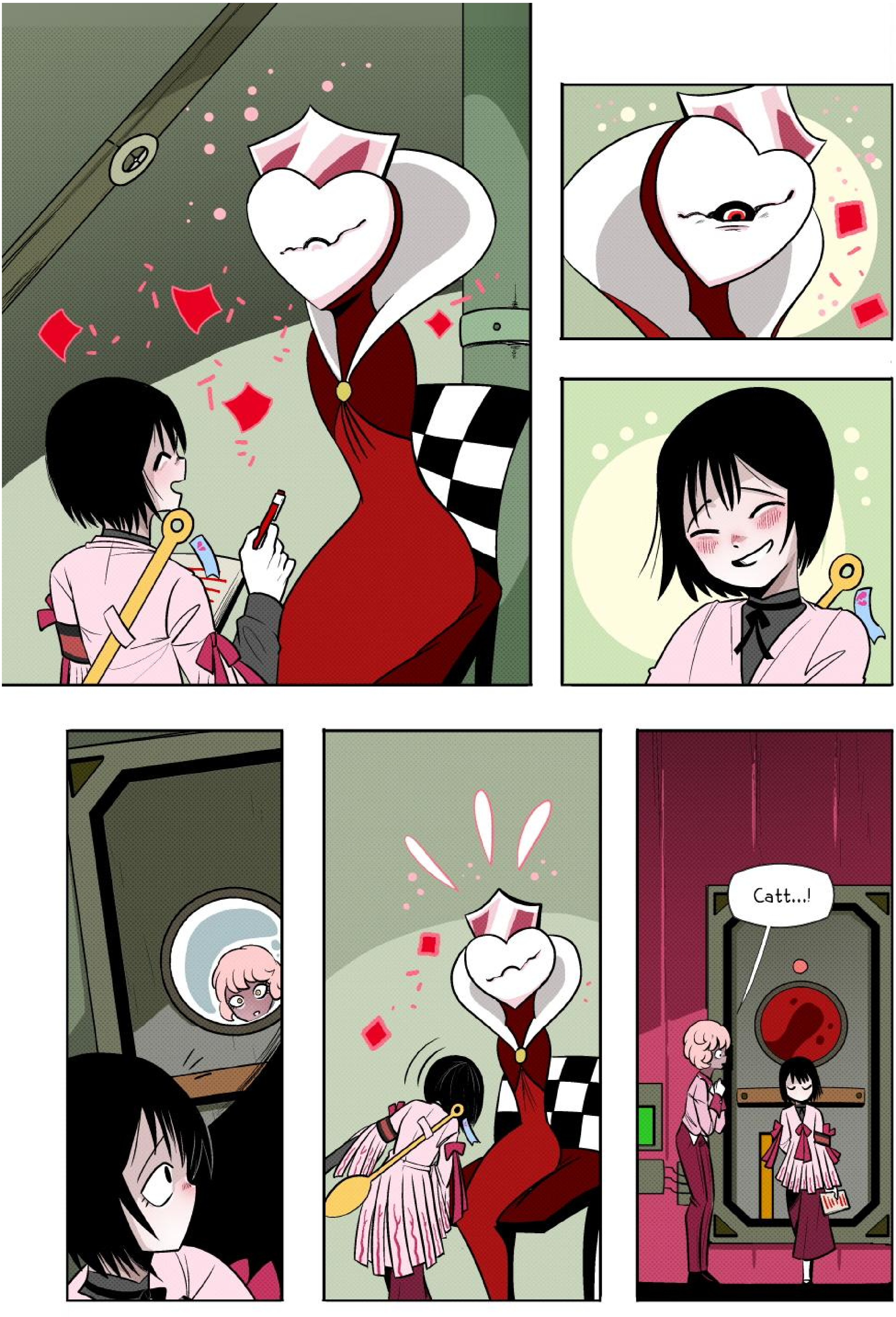

...Catt, you're capable of surviving most WAW-level threats, if I'm being blunt.
Viiing
You have also shown a 100% suppression rate for every disciplinary action against employees or Abnormalities where you were dispatched.
At this rate...
You're guaranteed to become the next head of Disciplinary.
Look forward to your promotion when I die.

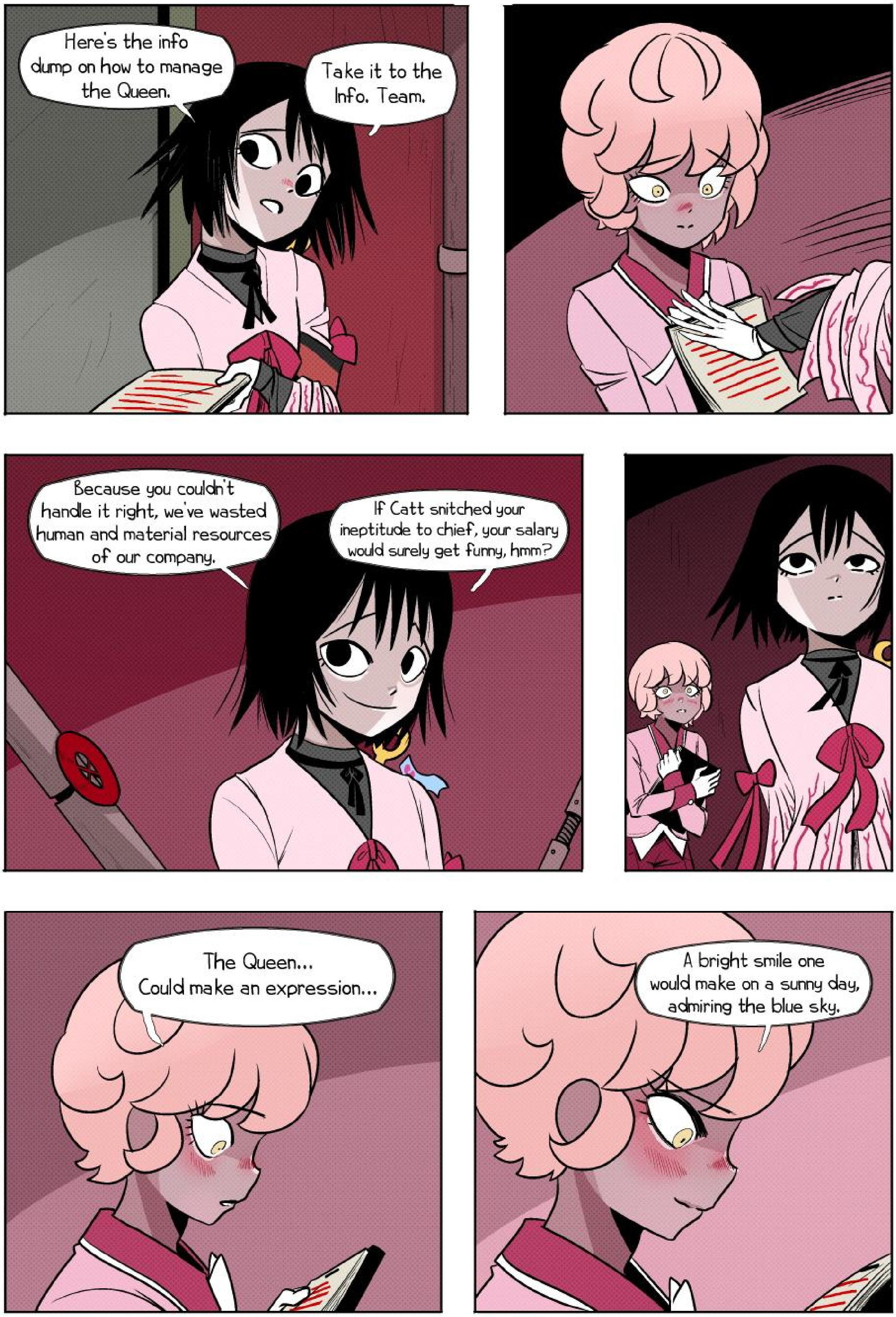

What're you doing?
GYAHH!!
Captain Catt! My buddy pal's working inside this containment unit right now, so I was worrying for them!
It's that scary spooky monster!! The **'Red Queen'**!!
The Abnormality without an expression, the infamous one everyone's scared of.
You know that thing too, right, Captain Catt!

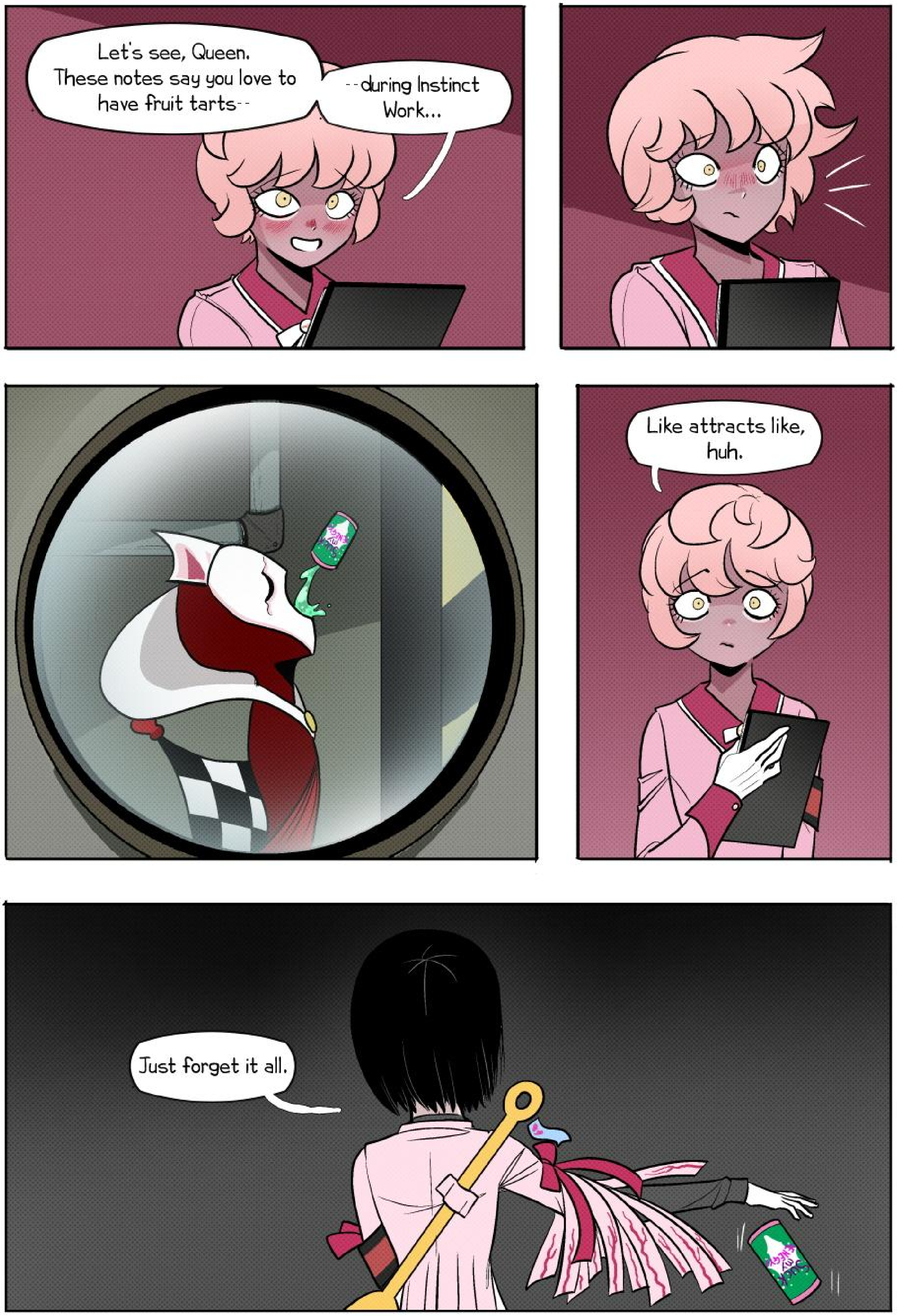

The beheading maniac that makes off with the head of whoever tries to perform an inefficient work with it...!
Yet it never, ever gives the slightest hint about what it likes or dislikes!
It's sooo dry even for an Abnorm!
Oh, you see how it does it? It's like butchering a chicken, like this!
It goes chop! And the head's gone, isn't that spooky?
Info. Team personnel and Taii are going in, and... Uuu...
Catt wonders.
Is it wearing a red dress to hide the blood splattering on it? Or was it never red to begin with?

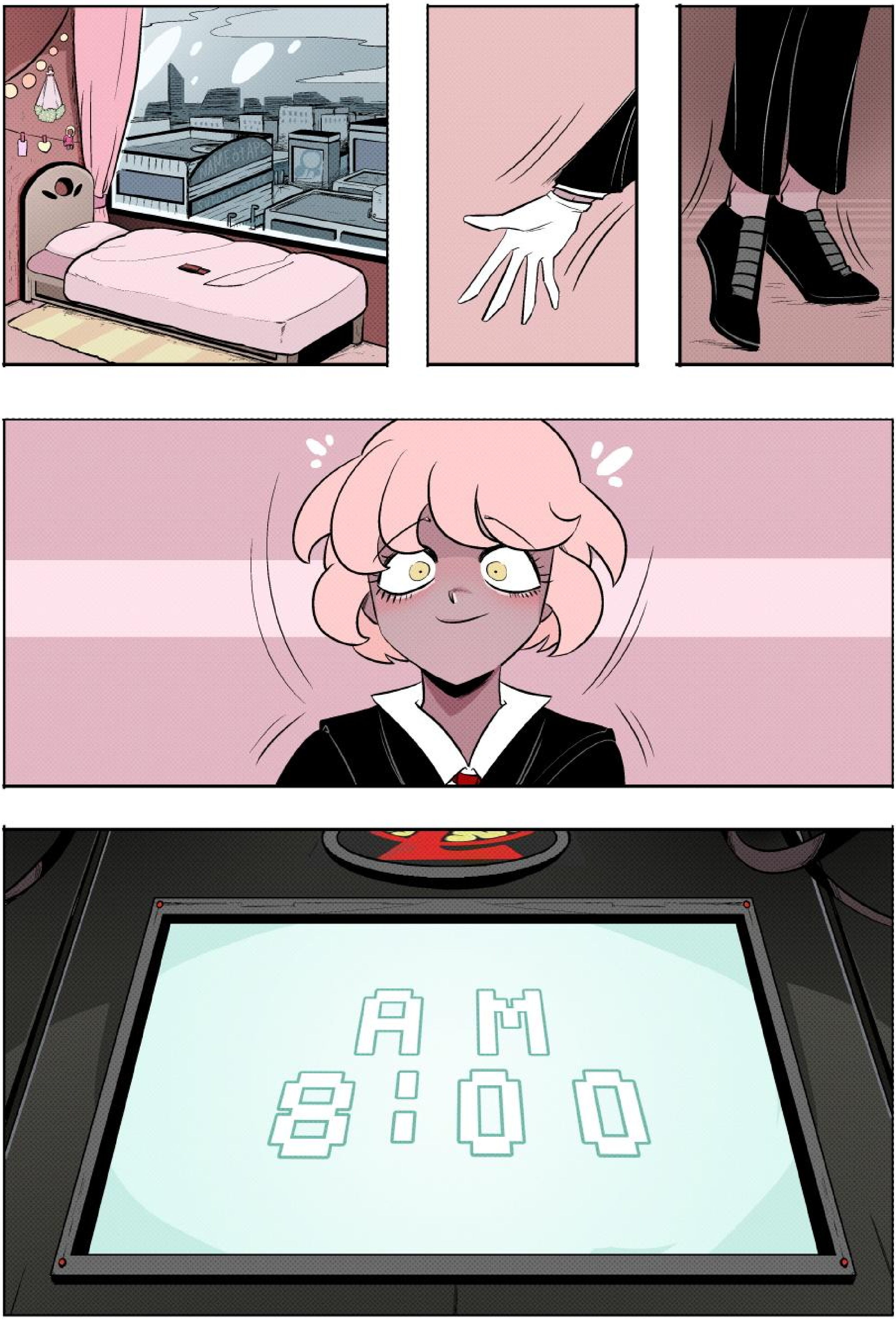

Waaahhh!!
I'm so scared I might die!! I know I sound like a coward, but Rose!
You're no coward, Taii. I'm also afraid of death all the time.
If that fluffy head is chopped off, 'Red Queen' would get a nice fur collar for its dress, hmm? That would be funny to see.
Oh my, Captain Catt is being mean... They must be jealous of us.
Here, I can give you a hug as well if you're so envious.
It's just funny to Catt that a soon-to-be-dead mouse is finding comfort in someone else's embrace.
...I wanna figure out what 'Red Queen' likes. I have to.
That way, everyone will be alright, not just the employees but that poor child, too...


Don't you want everyone to be alright, Catt? In Lobotomy Corp, to be strong means to protect everyone... I get it now.
I guess that's why you're so strong... right, Catt?
Hnnnnngh... My shift already...
Someone's in the containment unit?


Catt...!


Here's the info dump on how to manage the Queen.
Take it to the Info. Team.
Because you couldn't handle it right, we've wasted human and material resources of our company.
If Catt snitched your ineptitude to chief, your salary would surely get funny, hmm?
The Queen... Could make an expression...
A bright smile one would make on a sunny day, admiring the blue sky.


Let's see, Queen. These notes say you love to have fruit tarts--
--during Instinct Work...
Like attracts like, huh.
Just forget it all.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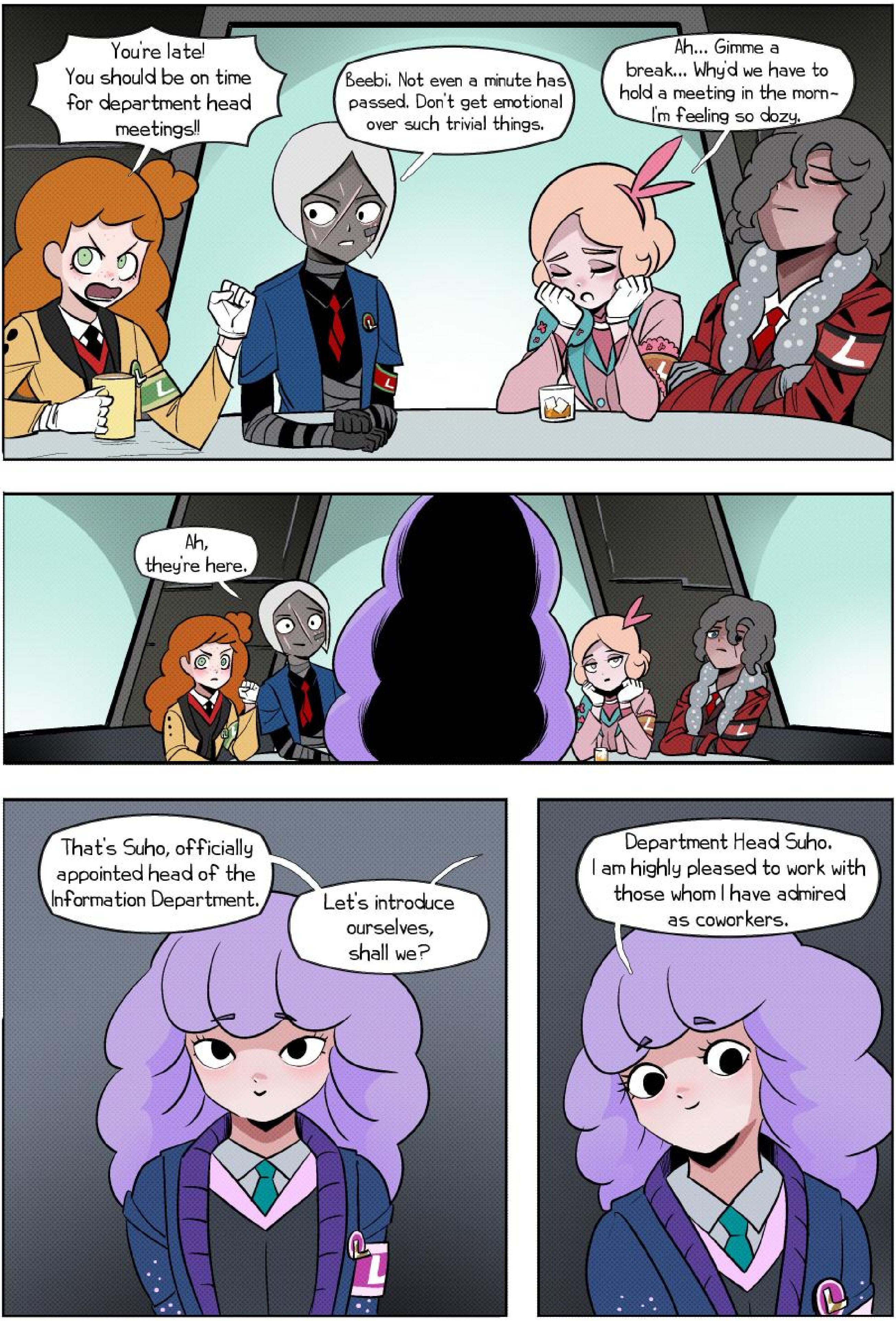
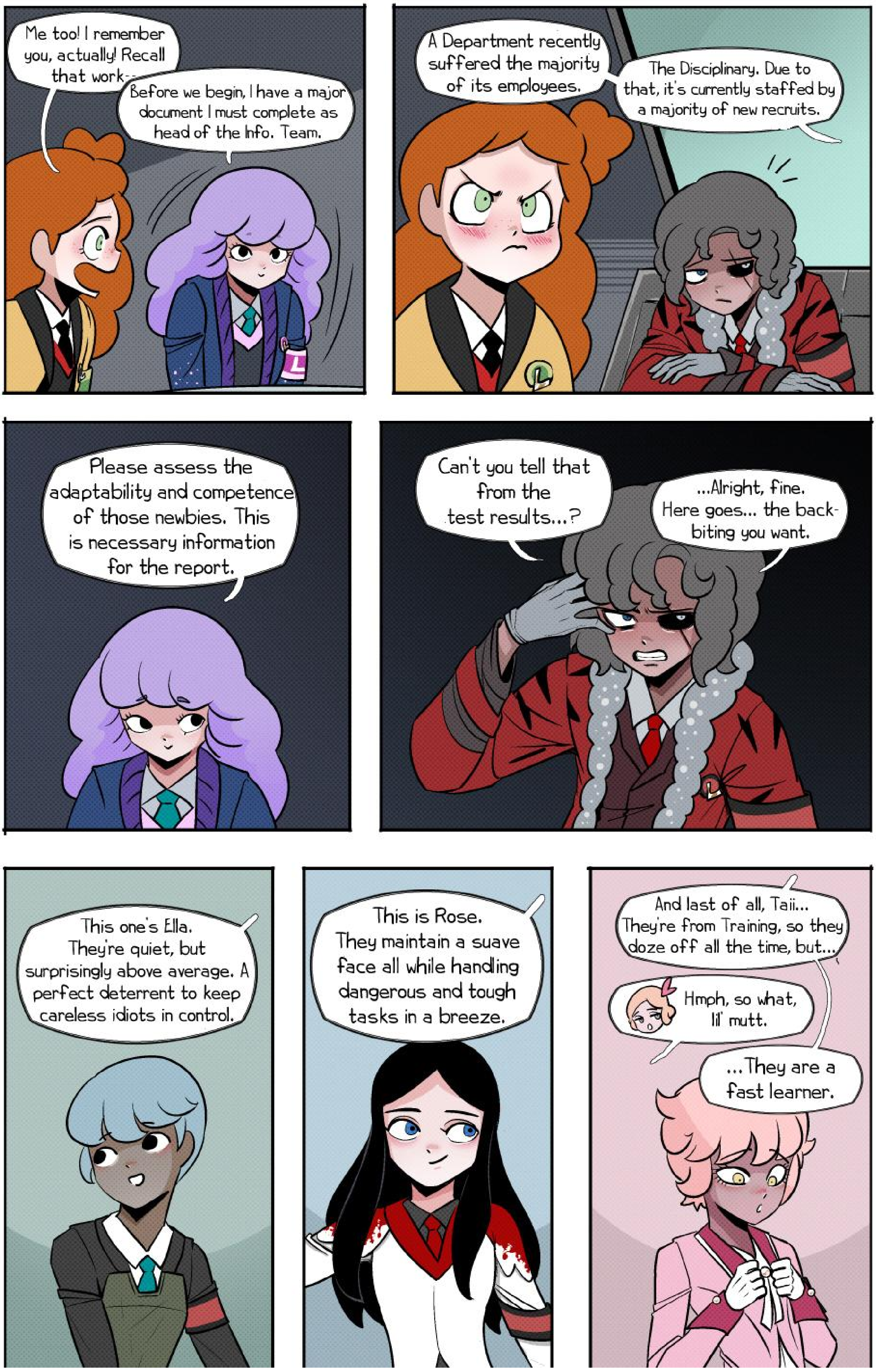
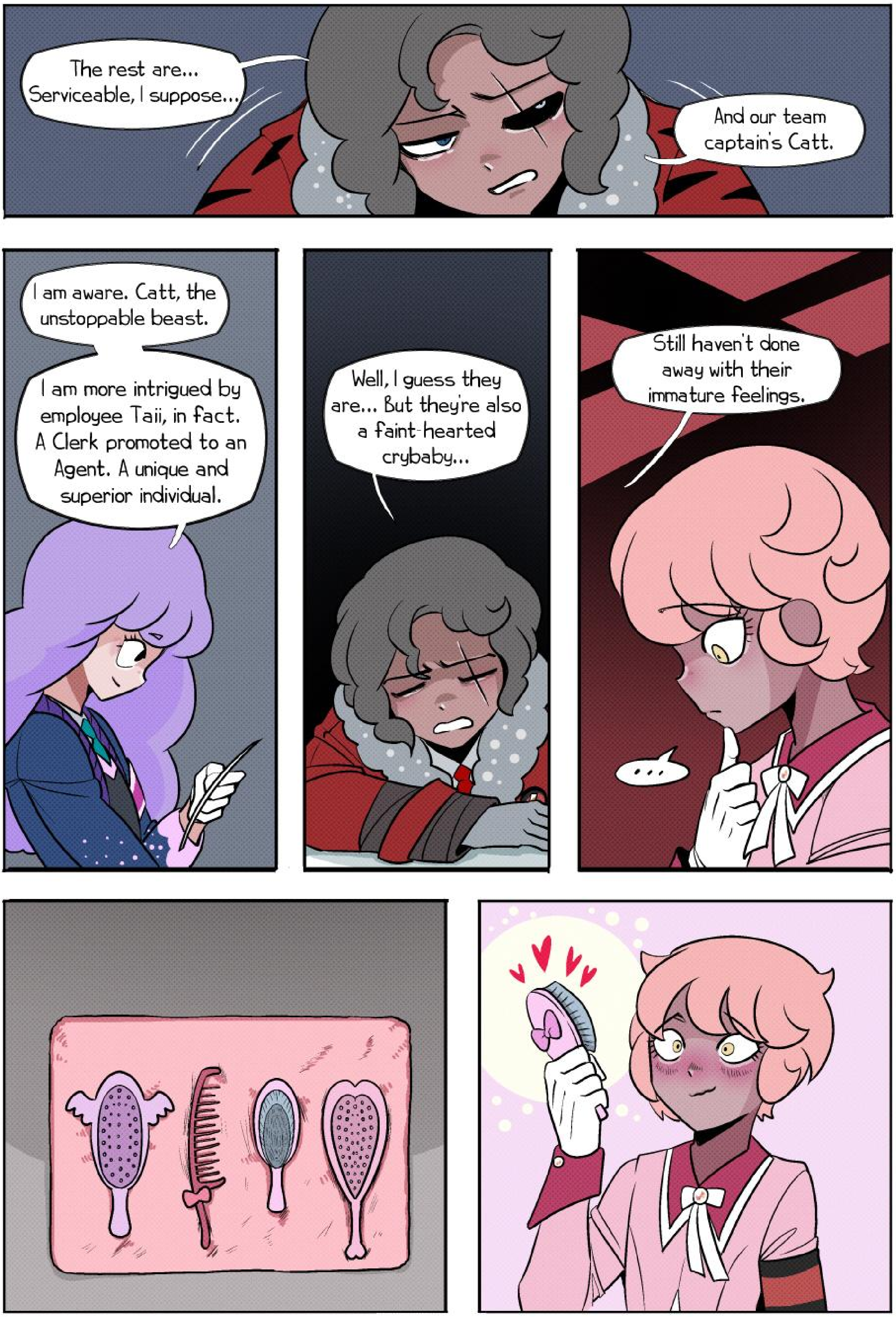

You're late! You should be on time for department head meetings!!
Beebi. Not even a minute has passed. Don't get emotional over such trivial things.
Ah... Gimme a break... Why'd we have to hold a meeting in the morn~ I'm feeling so dozy.
Ah, they're here.
That's Suho, officially appointed head of the Information Department.
Let's introduce ourselves, shall we?
Department Head Suho. I am highly pleased to work with those whom I have admired as coworkers.


Me too! I remember you, actually! Recall that work--
Before we begin, I have a major document I must complete as head of the Info. Team.
A Department recently suffered the majority of its employees.
The Disciplinary. Due to that, it's currently staffed by a majority of new recruits.
Please assess the adaptability and competence of those newbies. This is necessary information for the report.
Can't you tell that from the test results...?
...Alright, fine. Here goes... the back-biting you want.
This one's Ella. They're quiet, but surprisingly above average. A perfect deterrent to keep careless idiots in control.
This is Rose. They maintain a suave face all while handling dangerous and tough tasks in a breeze.
And last of all, Taii... They're from Training, so they doze off all the time, but...
Hmph, so what, lil' mutt.
...They are a fast learner.


The rest are... Serviceable, I suppose...
And our team captain's Catt.
I am aware. Catt, the unstoppable beast.
I am more intrigued by employee Taii, in fact. A Clerk promoted to an Agent. A unique and superior individual.
Well, I guess they are... But they're also a faint-hearted crybaby...
Still haven't done away with their immature feelings.
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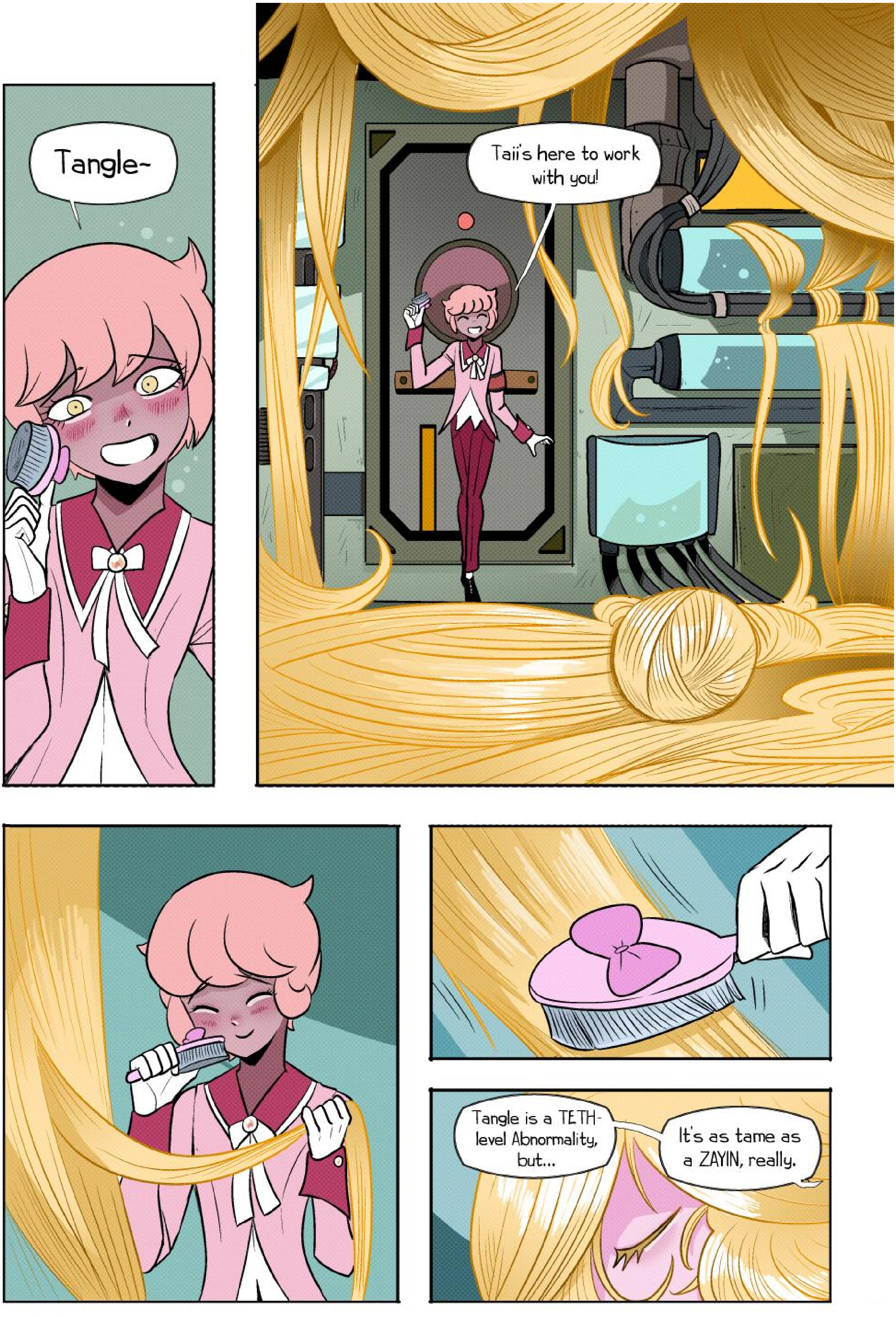
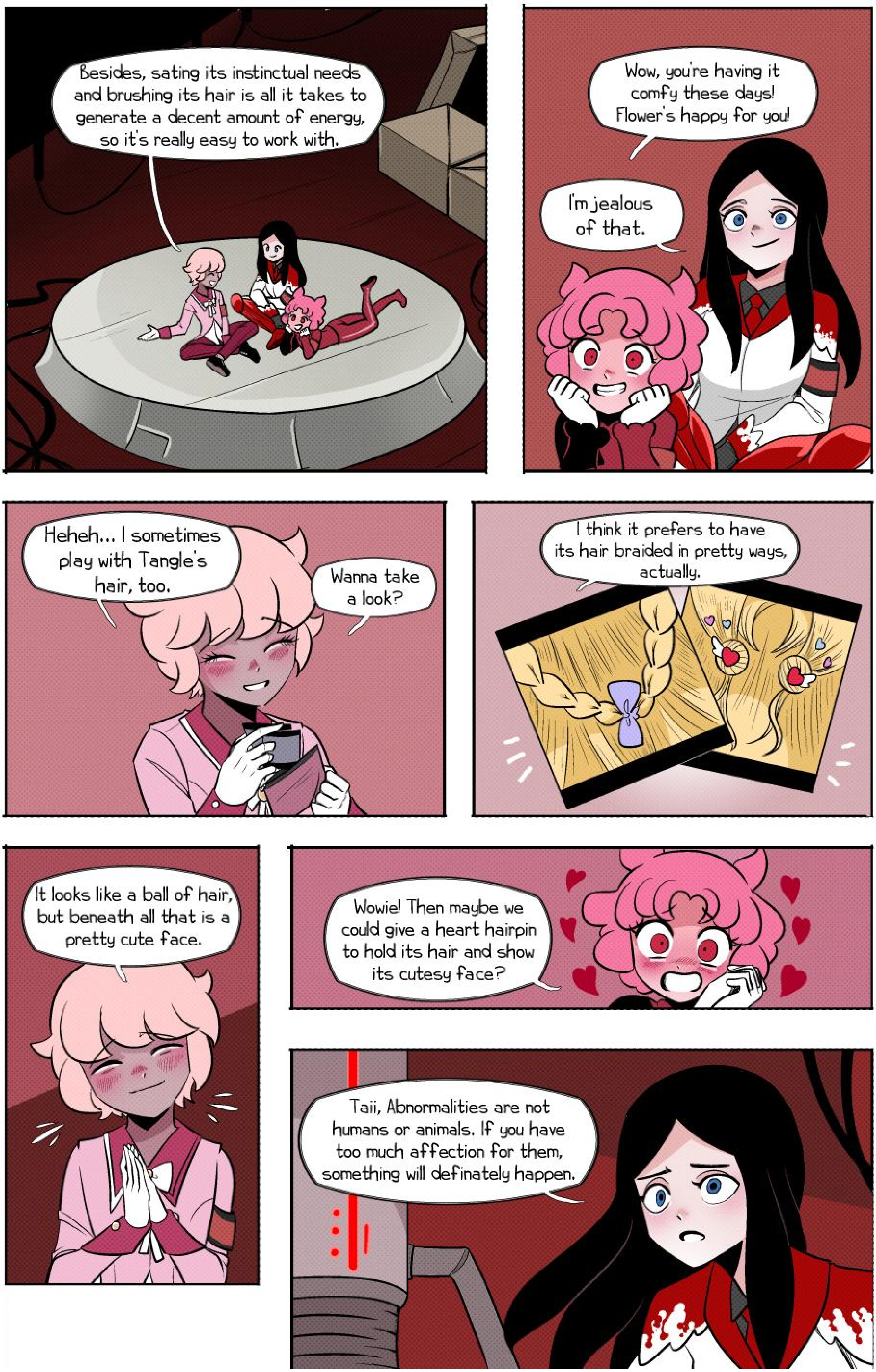
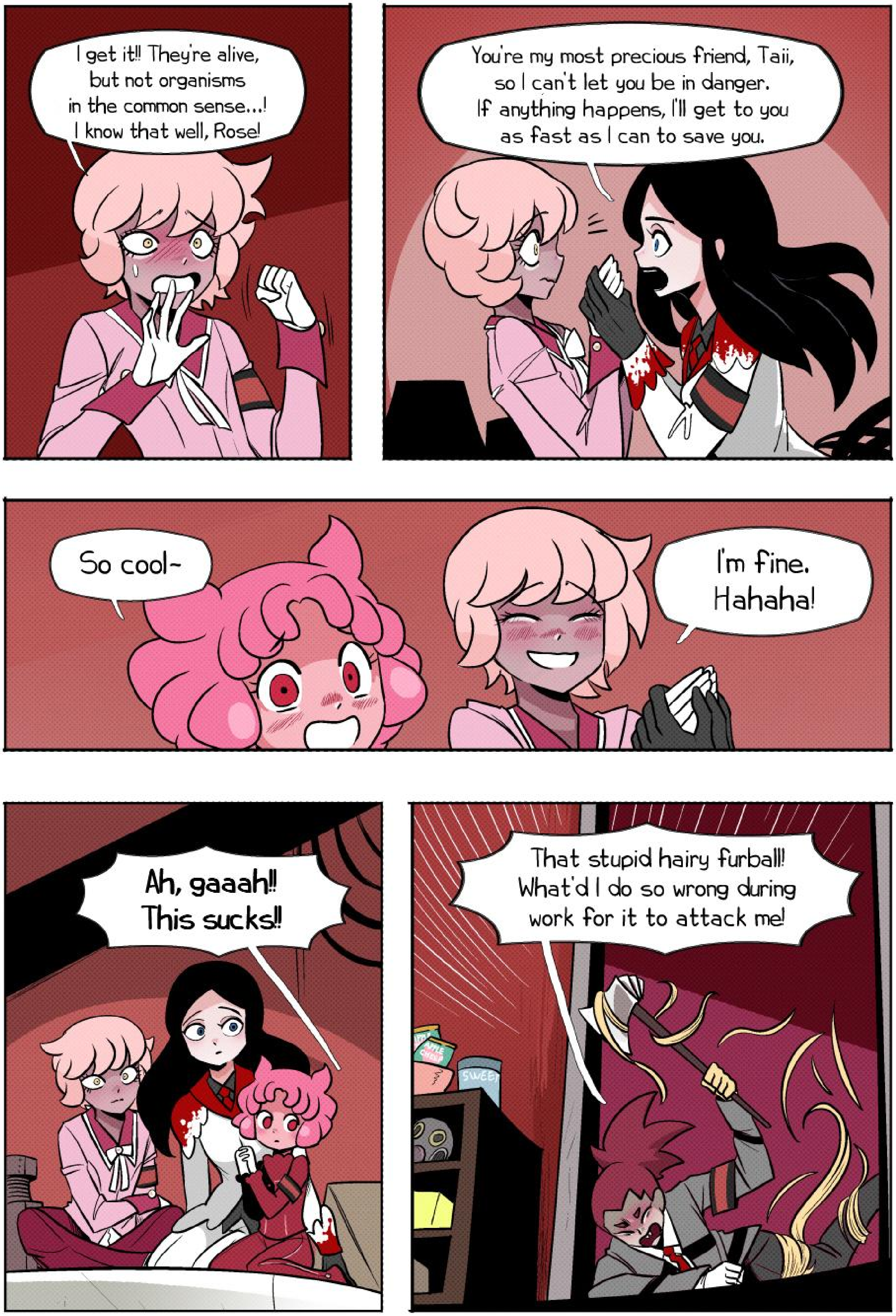
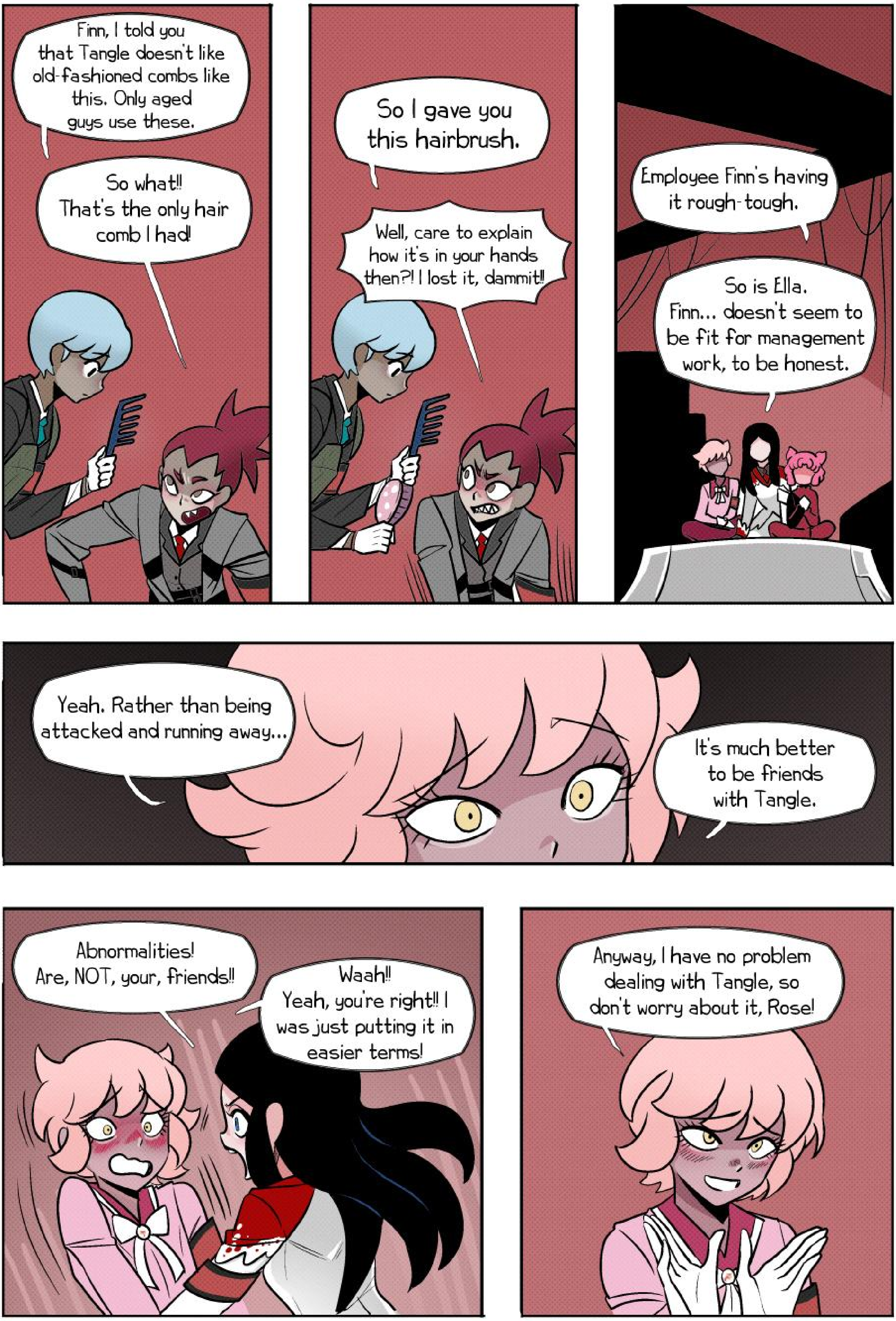
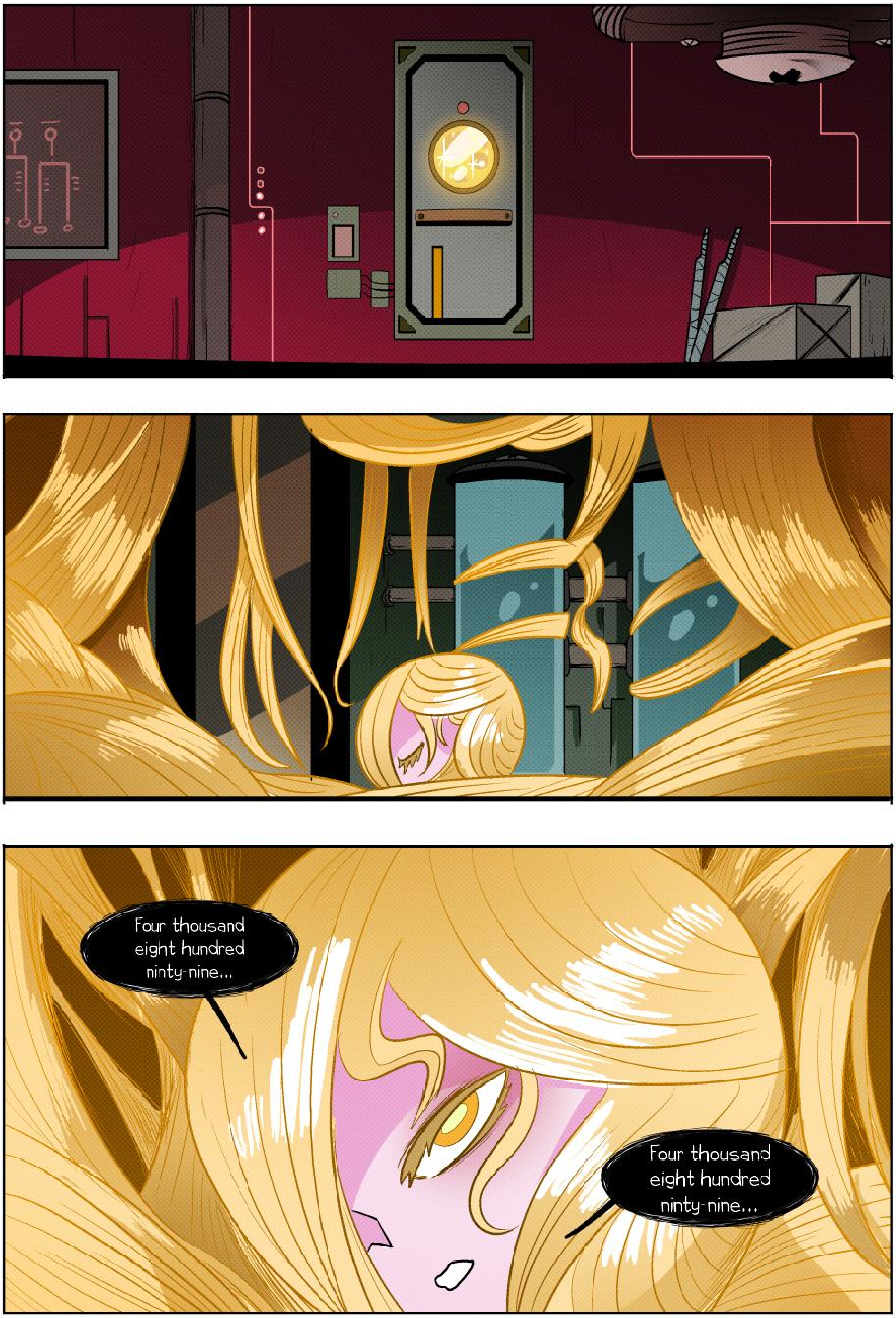

Tangle~
Taii's here to work with you!
Tangle is a TETH-level Abnormality, but...
It's as tame as a ZAYIN, really.


Besides, sating its instinctual needs and brushing its hair is all it takes to generate a decent amount of energy, so it's really easy to work with.
Wow, you're having it comfy these days! Flower's happy for you!
I'm jealous of that.
Heheh... I sometimes play with Tangle's hair, too.
Wanna take a look?
I think it prefers to have its hair braided in pretty ways, actually.
It looks like a ball of hair, but beneath all that is a pretty cute face.
Wowie! Then maybe we could give a heart hairpin to hold its hair and show its cutesy face?
Taii, Abnormalities are not humans or animals. If you have too much affection for them, something will definately happen.


I get it!! They're alive, but not organisms in the common sense...! I know that well, Rose!
You're my most precious friend, Taii, so I can't let you be in danger. If anything happens, I'll get to you as fast as I can to save you.
So cool~
I'm fine. Hahaha!
Ah, gaaah!! This sucks!!
That stupid hairy furball! What'd I do so wrong during work for it to attack me!
APPLE CHEW
SWEET


Finn, I told you that Tangle doesn't like old-fashioned combs like this. Only aged guys use these.
So what!! That's the only hair comb I had!
So I gave you this hairbrush.
Well, care to explain how it's in your hands then?! I lost it, dammit!!
Employee Finn's having it rough-tough.
So is Ella. Finn... doesn't seem to be fit for management work, to be honest.
Yeah. Rather than being attacked and running away...
It's much better to be friends with Tangle.
Abnormalities! Are, NOT, your, friends!!
Waah!! Yeah, you're right!! I was just putting it in easier terms!
Anyway, I have no problem dealing with Tangle, so don't worry about it, Rose!


Four thousand eight hundred ninty-nine...
Four thousand eight hundred ninty-nine...

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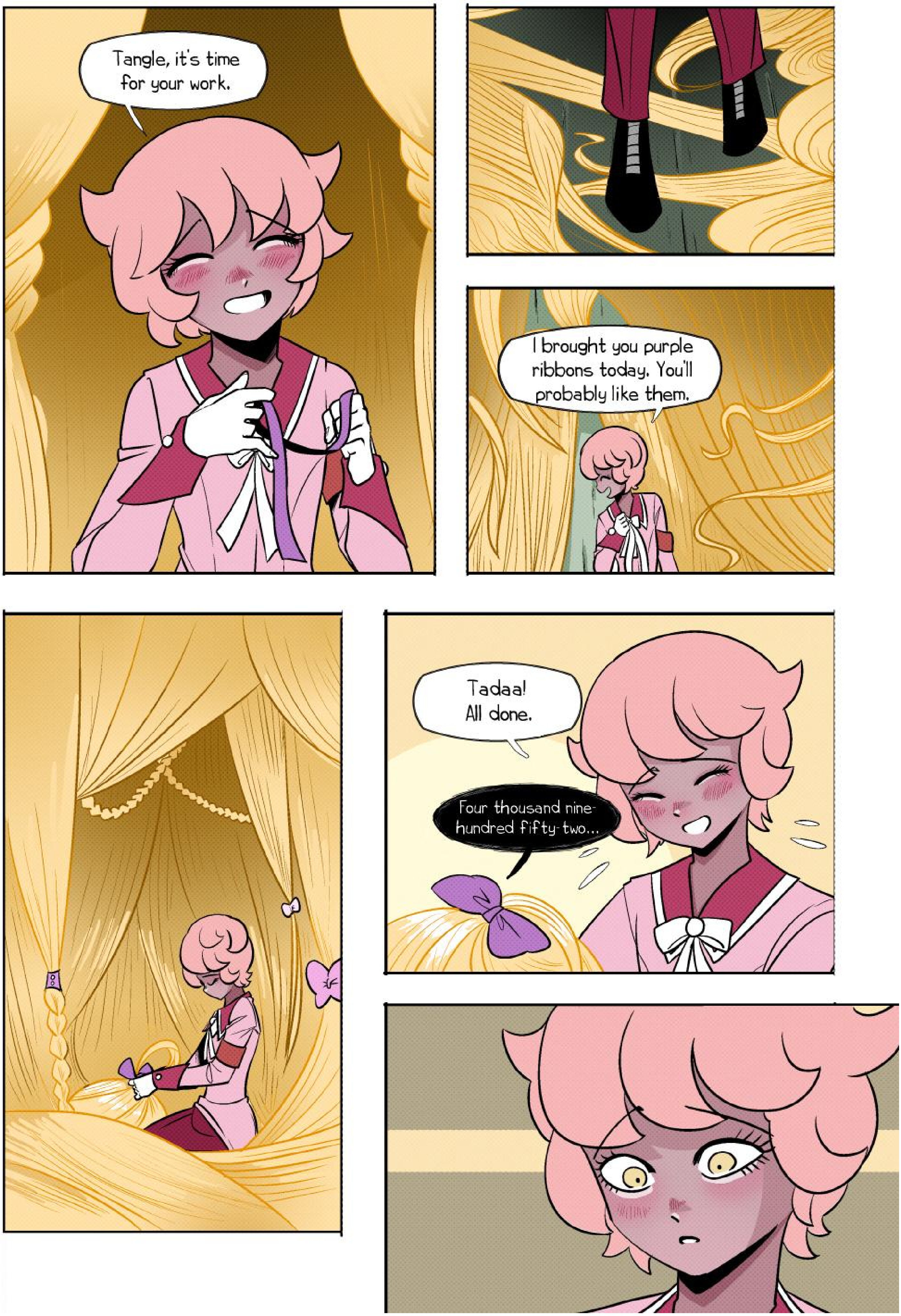
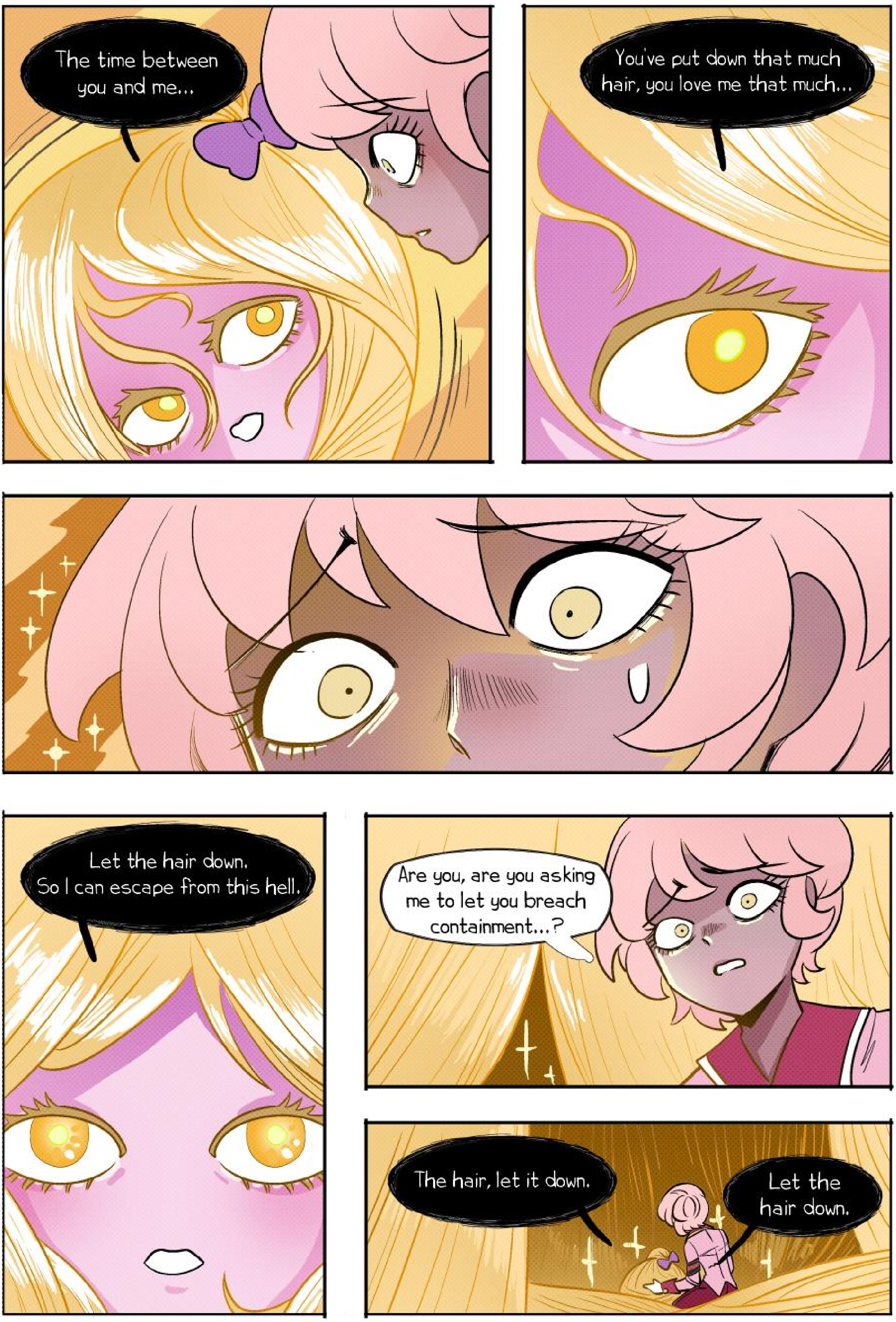
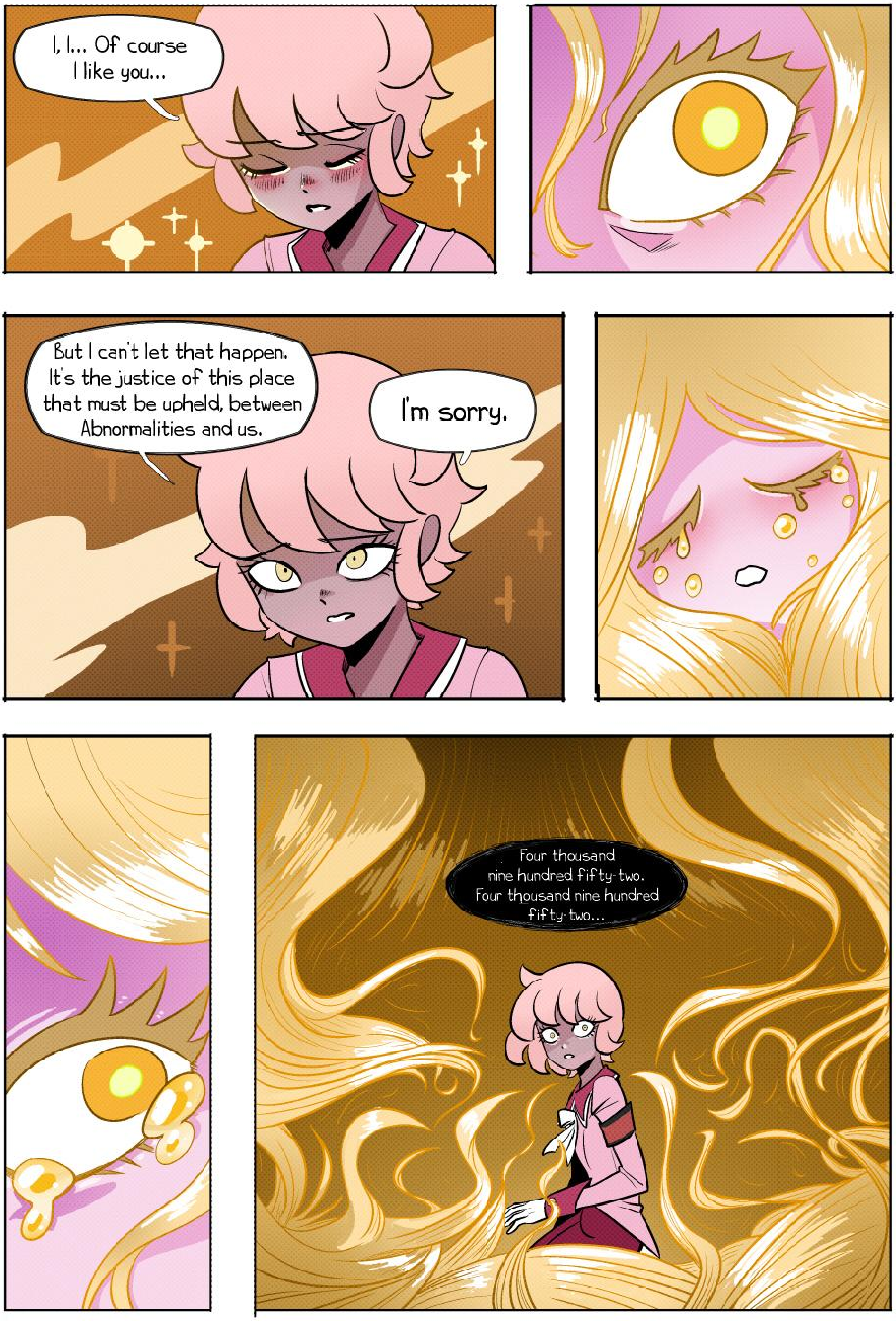
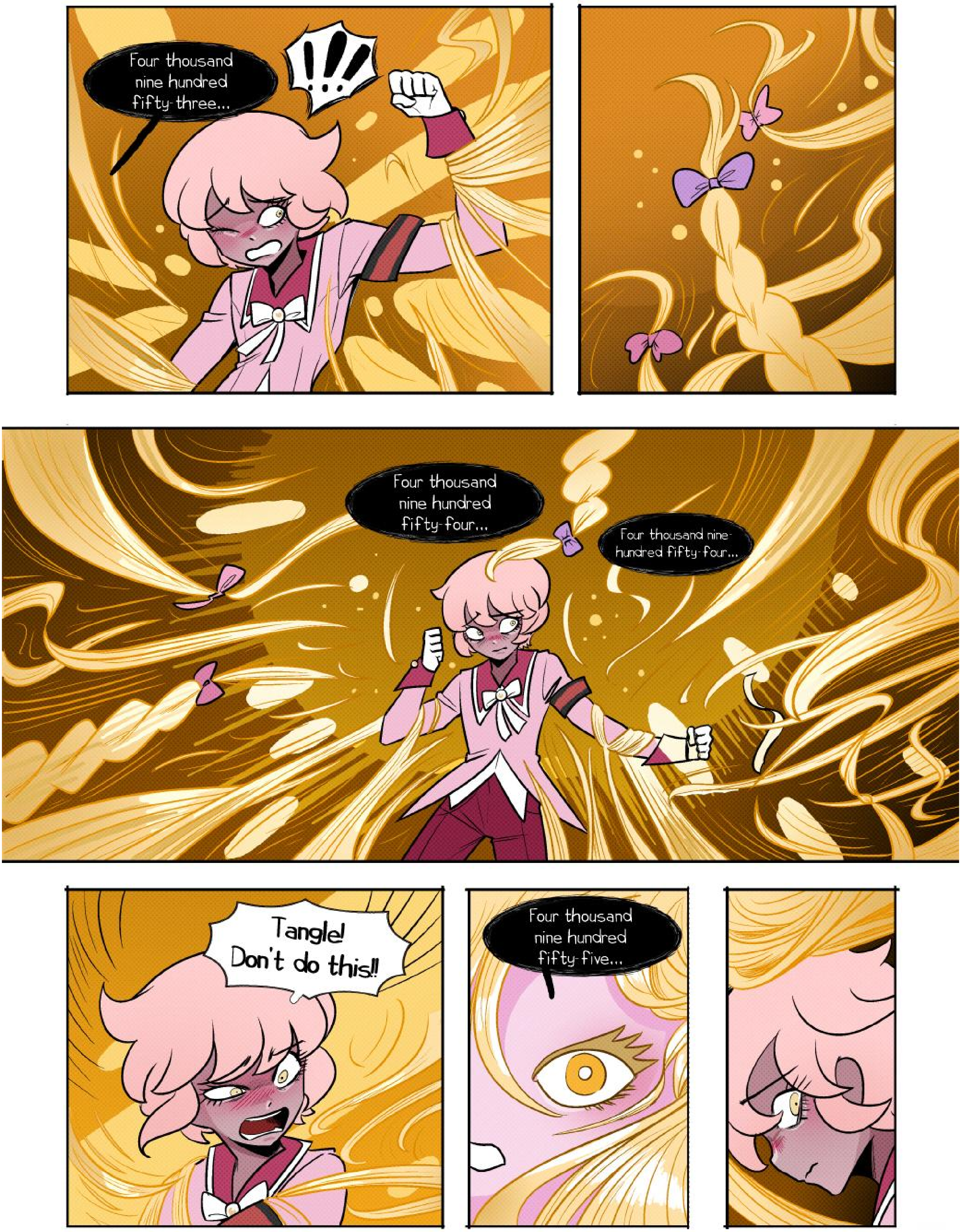

Tangle, it's time for your work.
I brought you purple ribbons today. You'll probably like them.
Tadaa! All done.
Four thousand nine-hundred fifty-two...


The time between you and me...
You've put down that much hair, you love me that much...
Let the hair down. So I can escape from this hell.
Are you, are you asking me to let you breach containment...?
The hair, let it down.
Let the hair down.


I, I... Of course I like you...
But I can't let that happen. It's the justice of this place that must be upheld, between Abnormalities and us.
I'm sorry.
Four thousand nine hundred fifty-two. Four thousand nine hundred fifty-two...


Four thousand nine hundred fifty-three...
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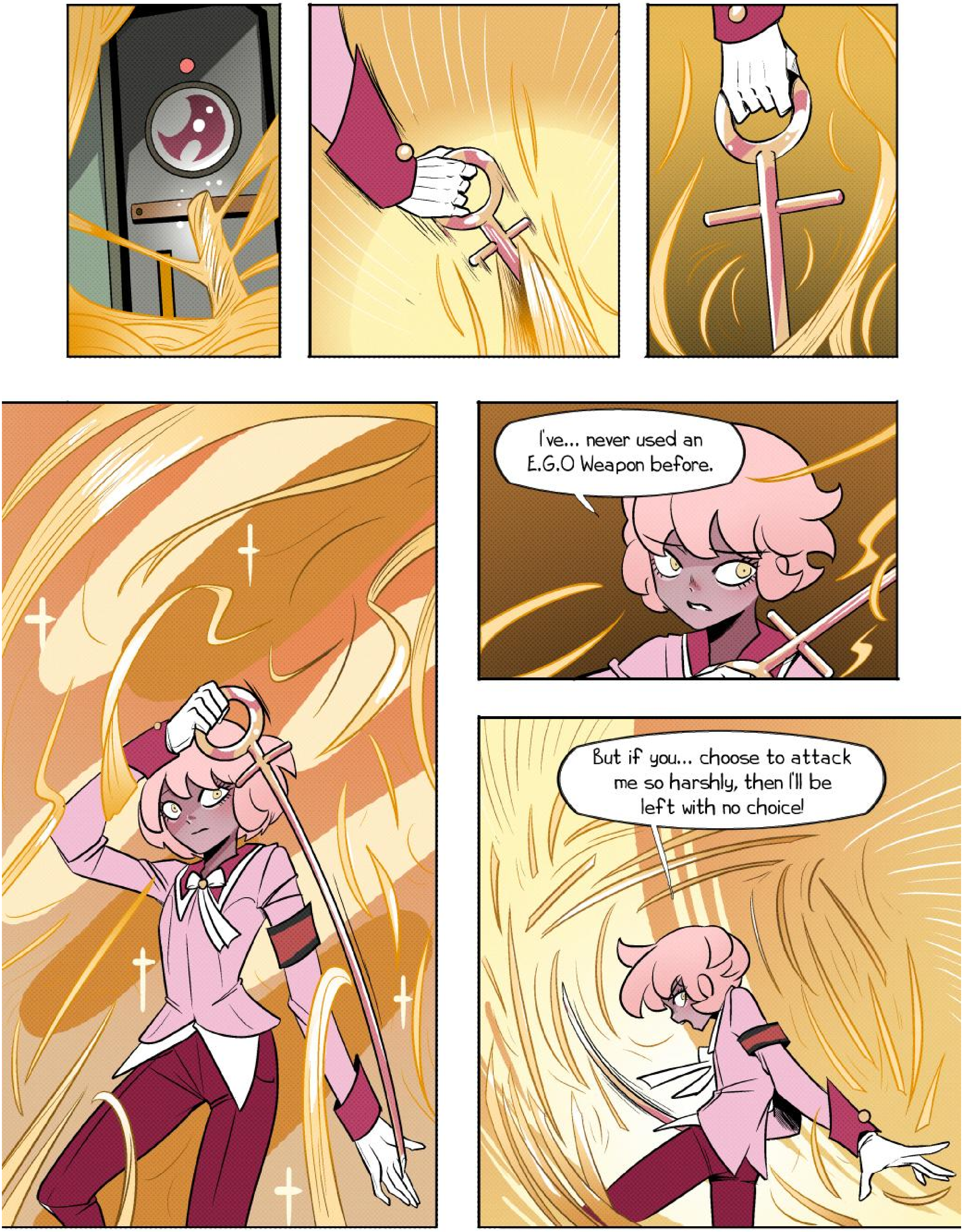
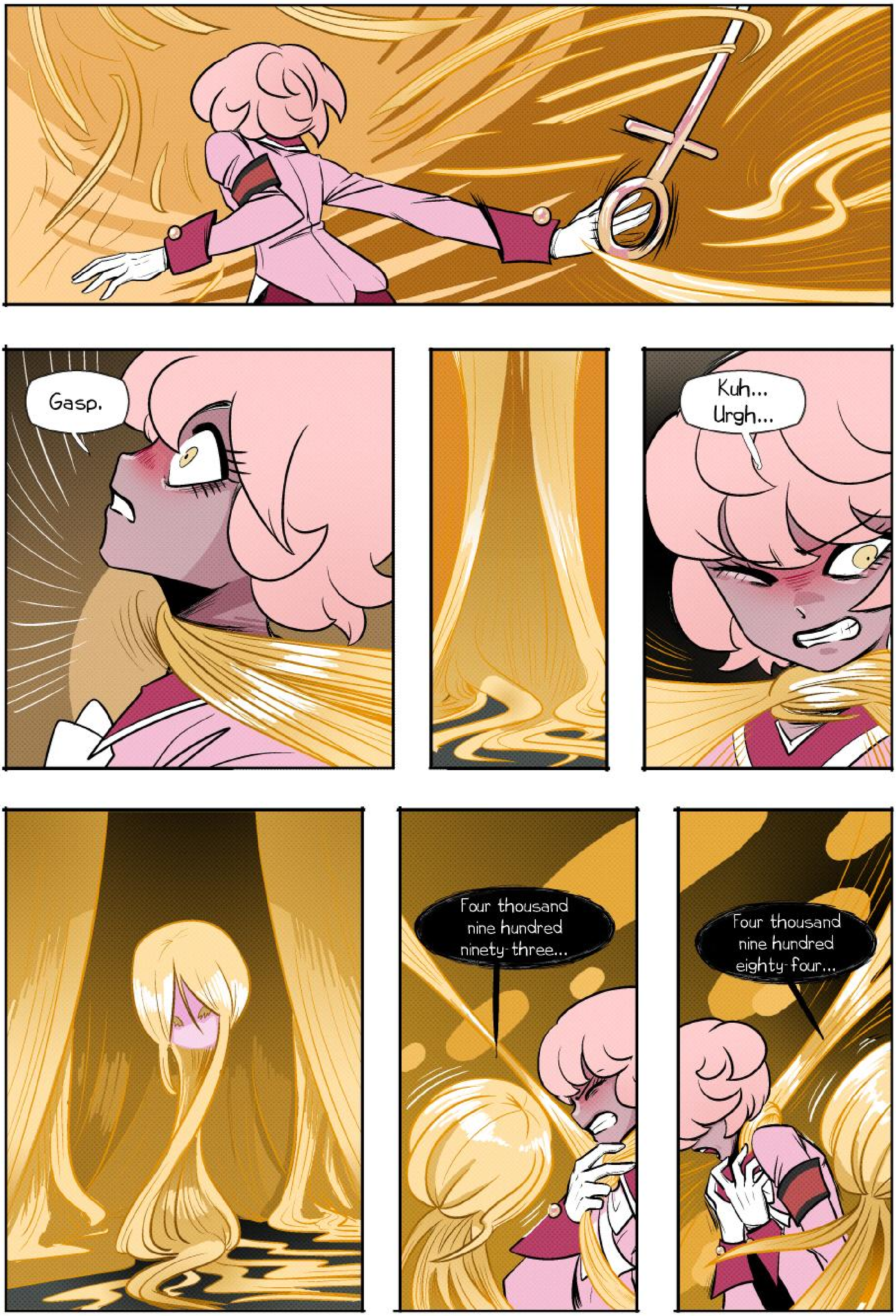
Four thousand nine hundred fifty-four...
Four thousand nine-hundred fifty-four...
Tangle! Don't do this!!
Four thousand nine hundred fifty-five...


I've... never used an E.G.O Weapon before.
But if you... choose to attack me so harshly, then I'll be left with no choice!


Gasp.
Kuh...
Urgh...
Four thousand
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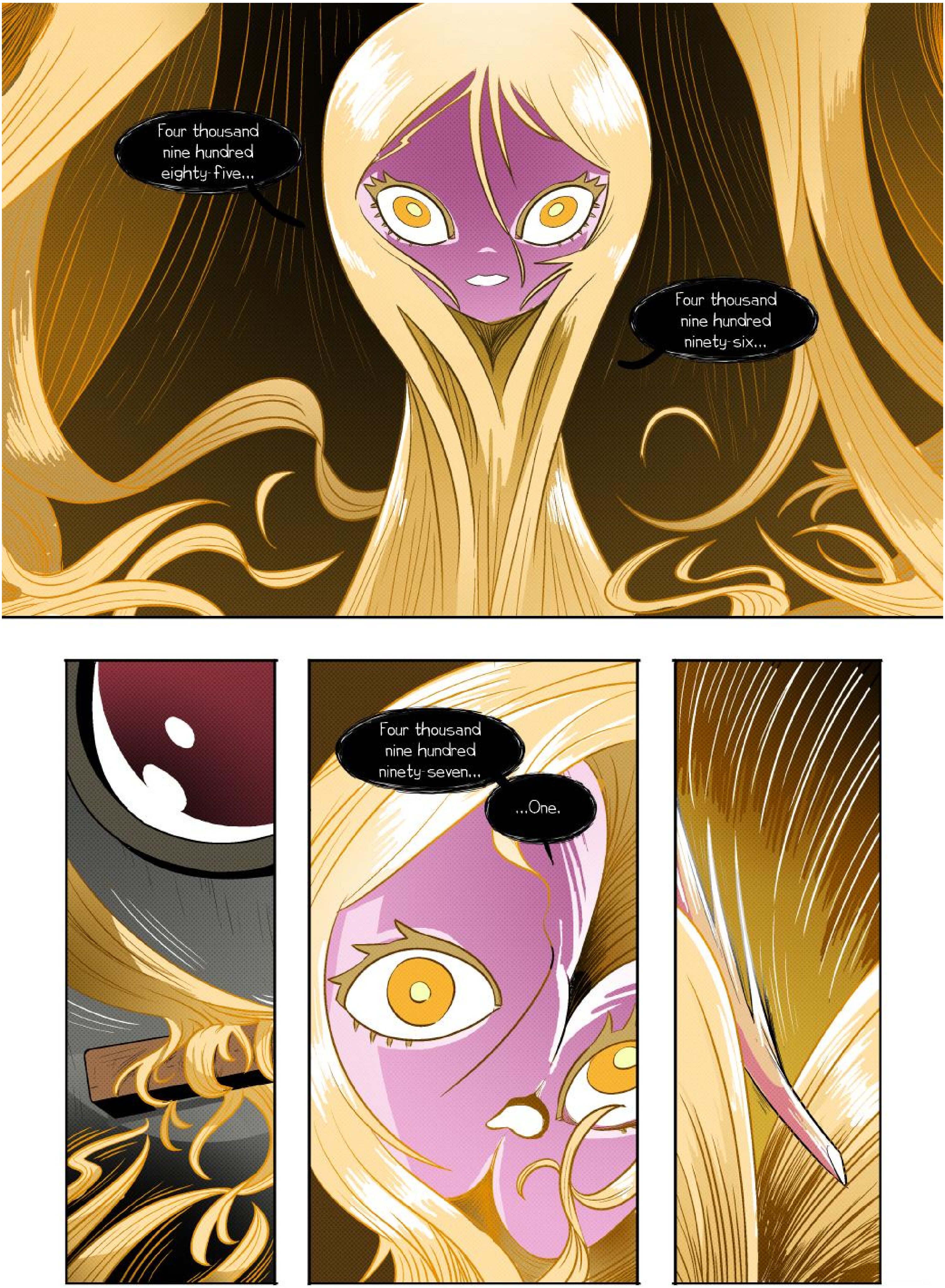
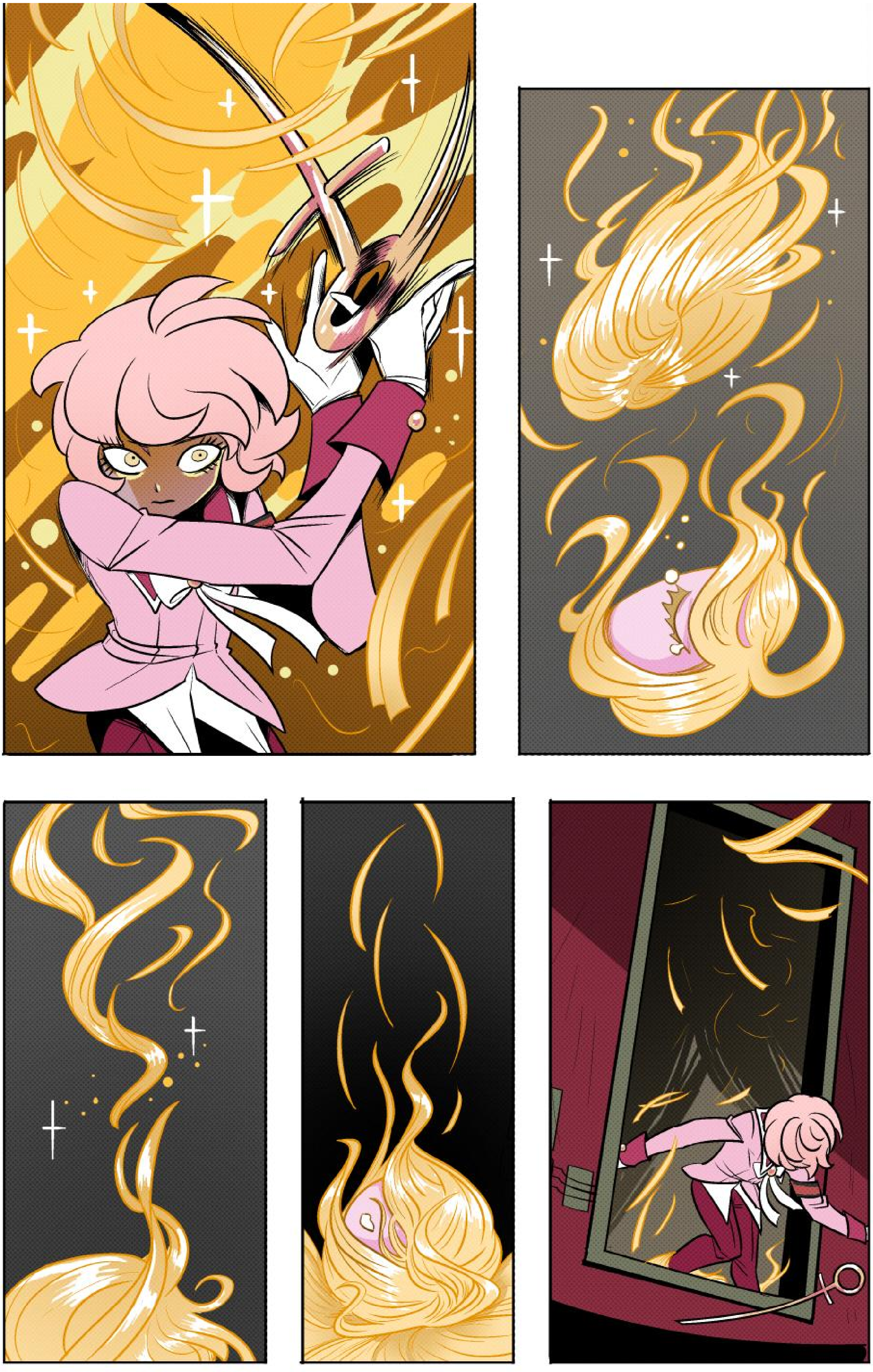
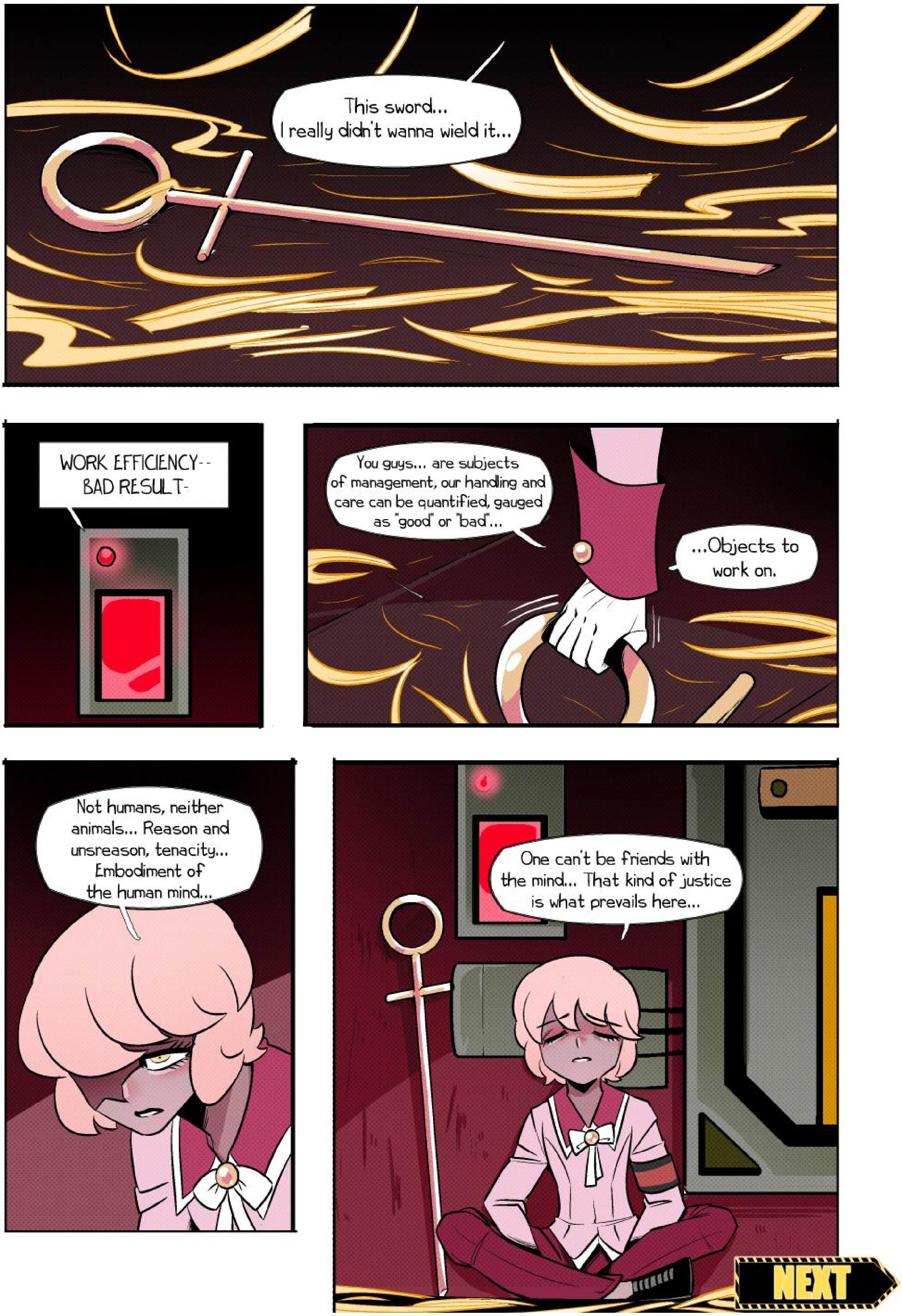

Four thousand nine hundred eighty-five...
Four thousand nine hundred ninety-six...
Four thousand nine hundred ninety-seven...
...One.




This sword...
I really didn't wanna wield it...
WORK EFFICIENCY--
BAD RESULT-
You guys... are subjects of management, our handling and care can be quantified, gauged as "good" or "bad"...
...Objects to work on.
Not humans, neither animals... Reason and unsreason, tenacity... Embodiment of the human mind...
One can't be friends with the mind... That kind of justice is what prevails here...
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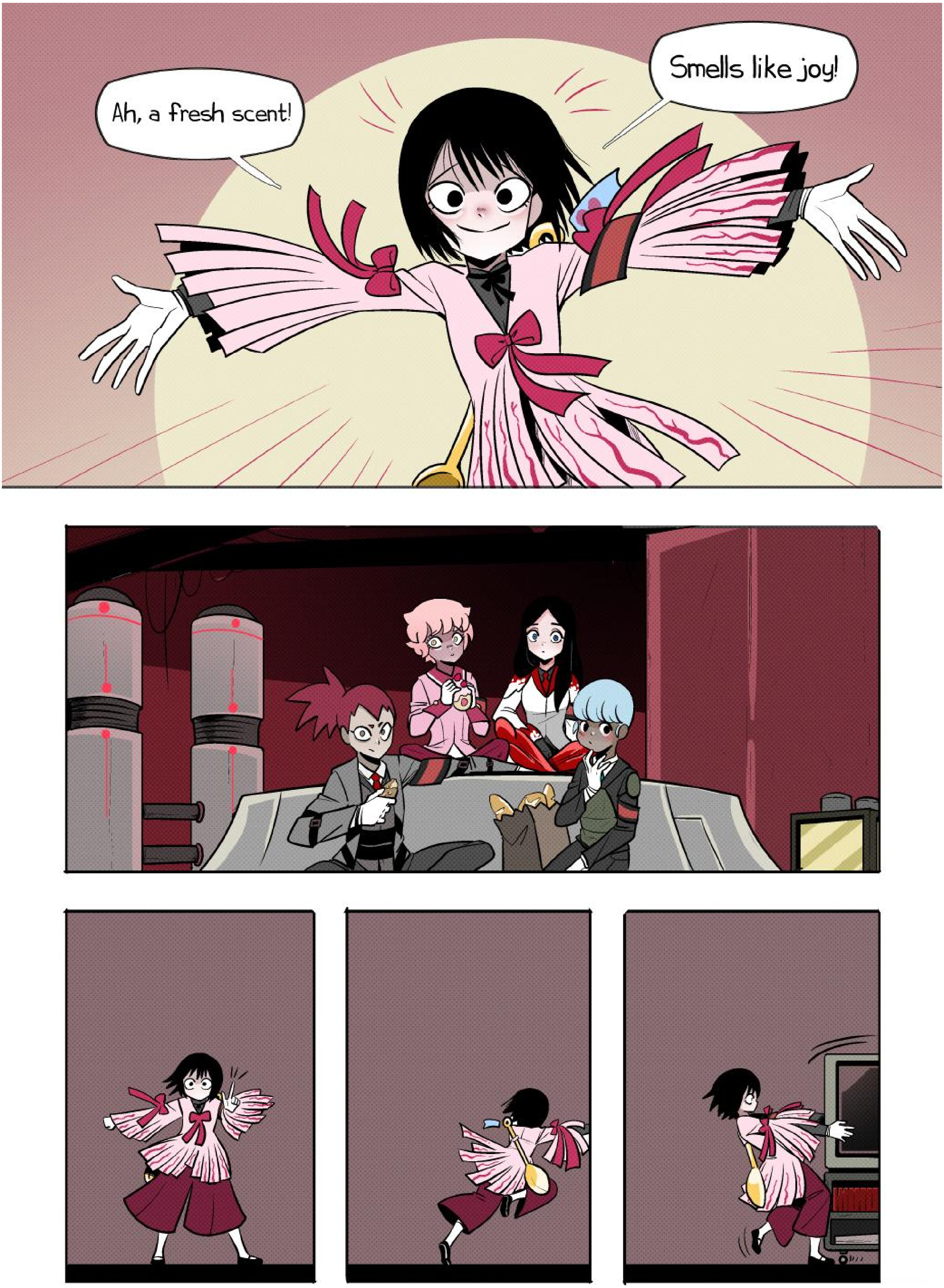
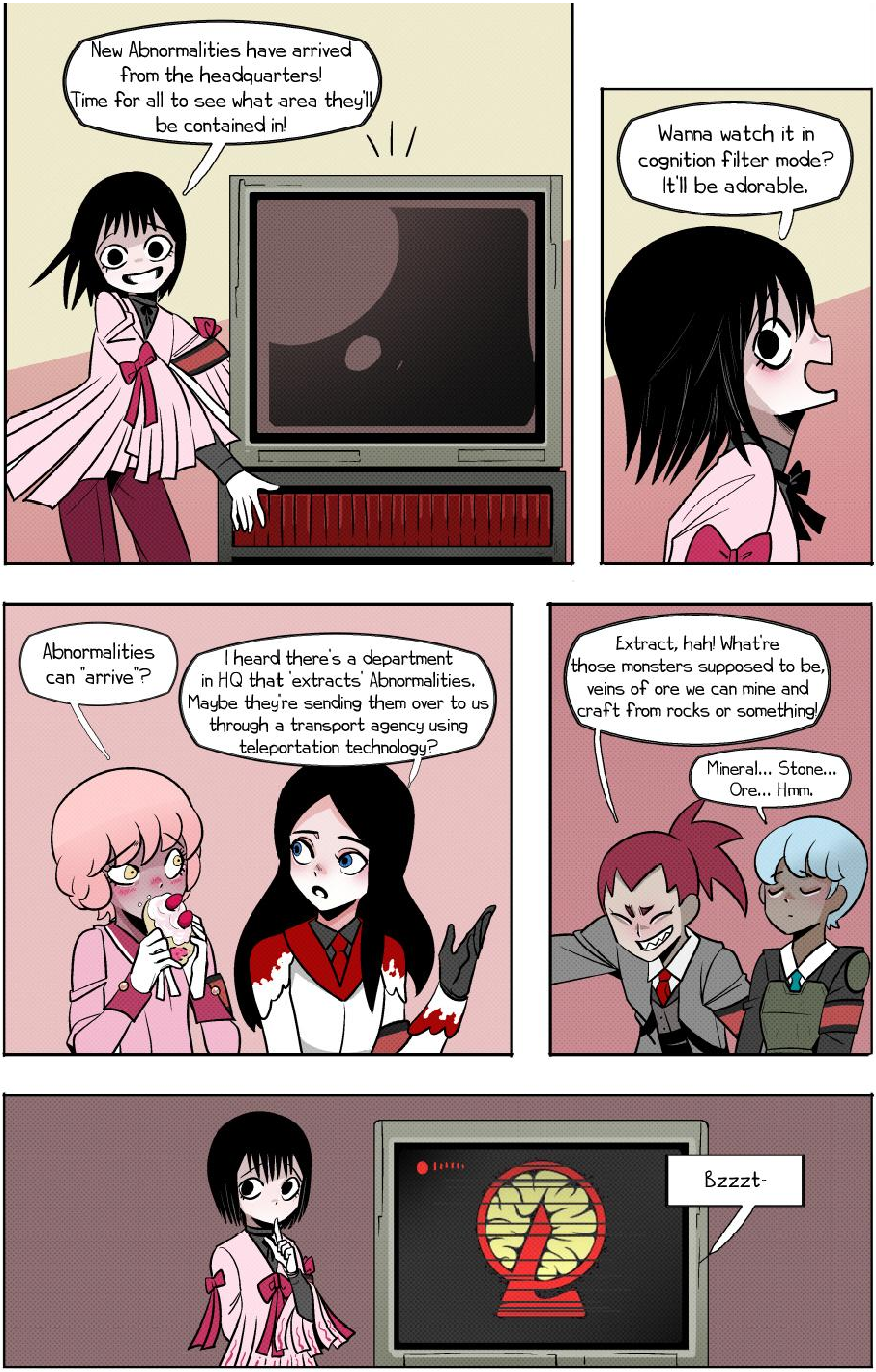
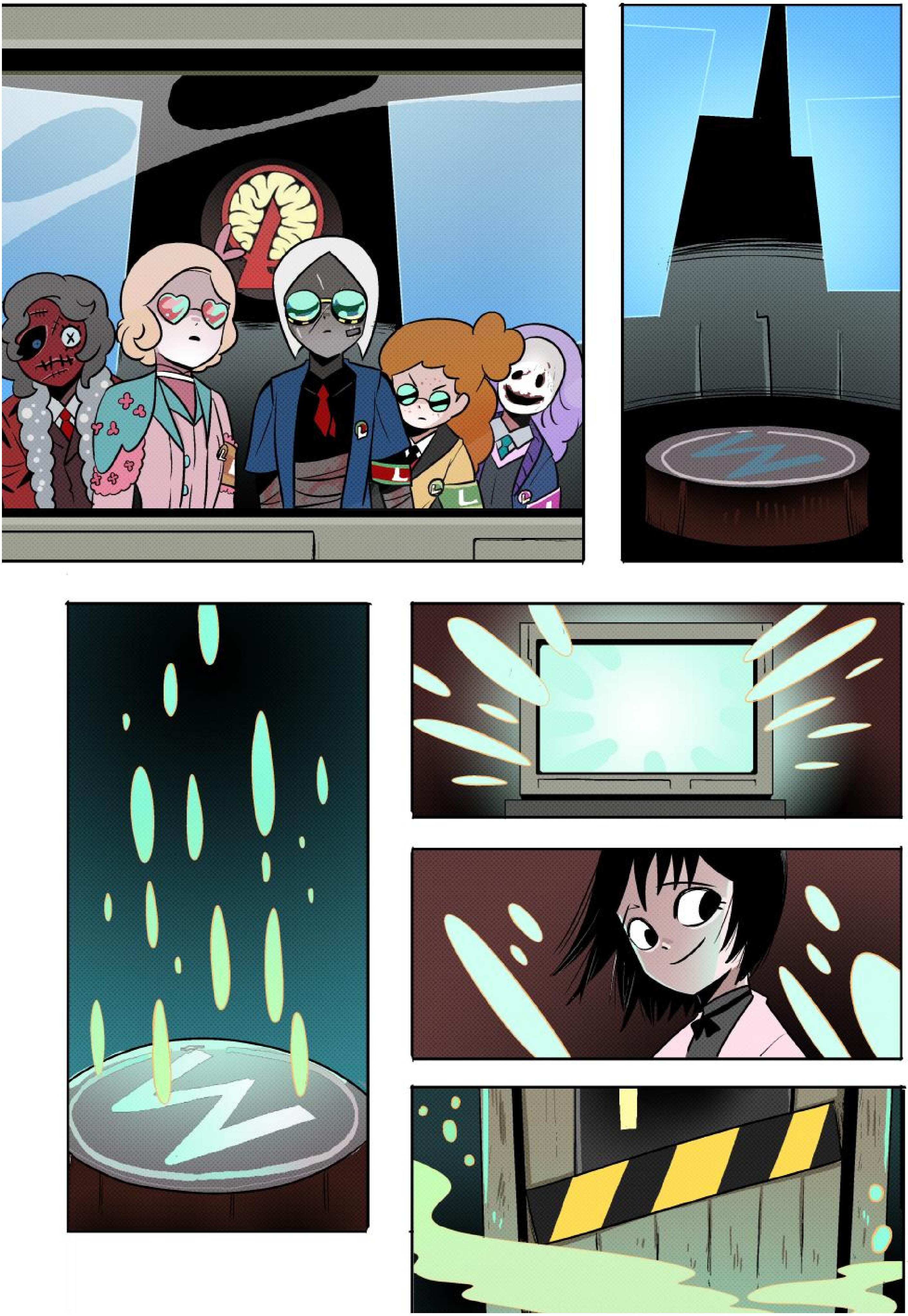
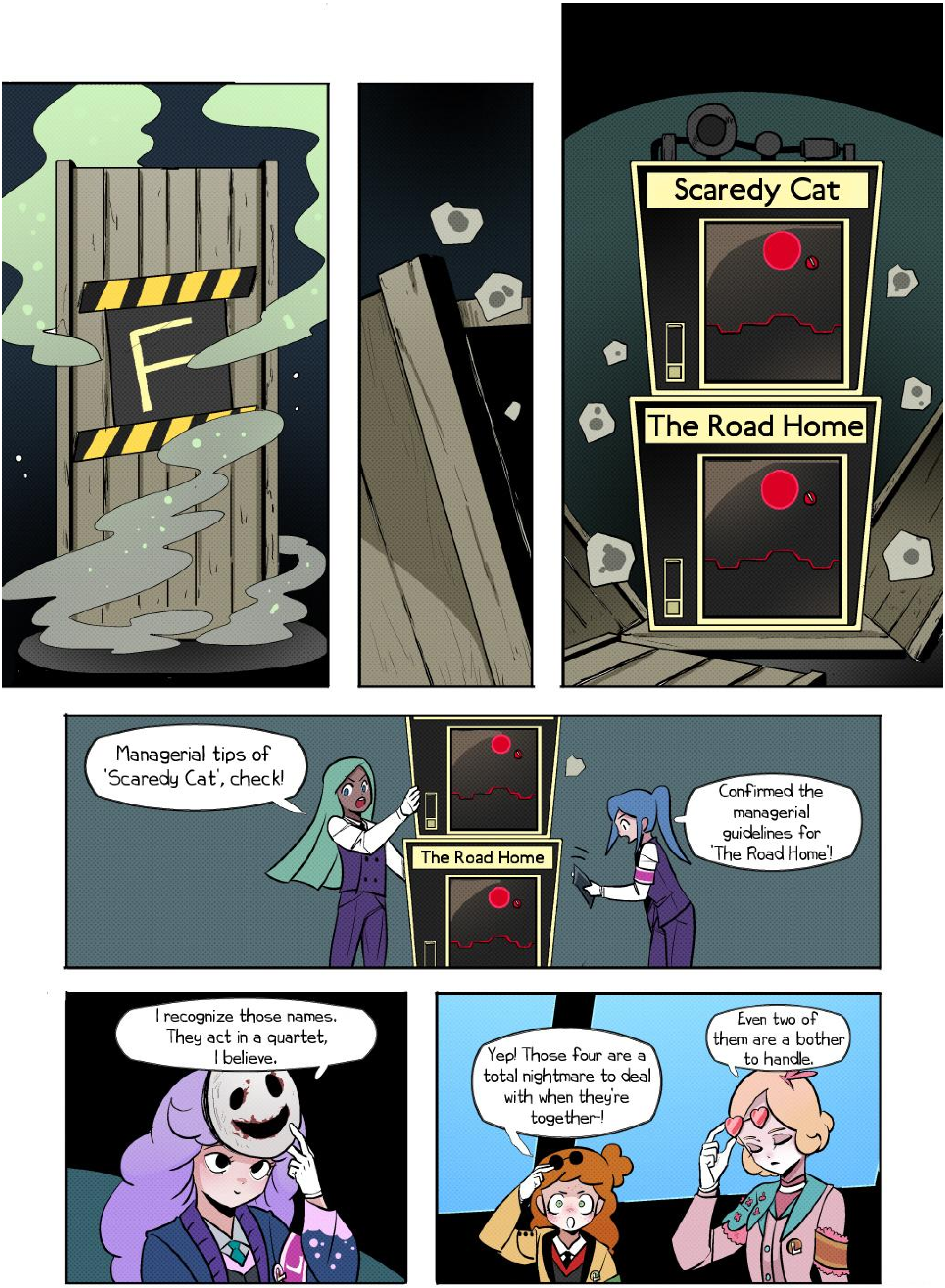

Ah, a fresh scent!
Smells like joy!


New Abnormalities have arrived from the headquarters! Time for all to see what area they'll be contained in!
Wanna watch it in cognition filter mode? It'll be adorable.
Abnormalities can "arrive"?
I heard there's a department in HQ that 'extracts' Abnormalities. Maybe they're sending them over to us through a transport agency using teleportation technology?
Extract, hah! What're those monsters supposed to be, veins of ore we can mine and craft from rocks or something!
Mineral... Stone... Ore... Hmm.
Bzzzt-

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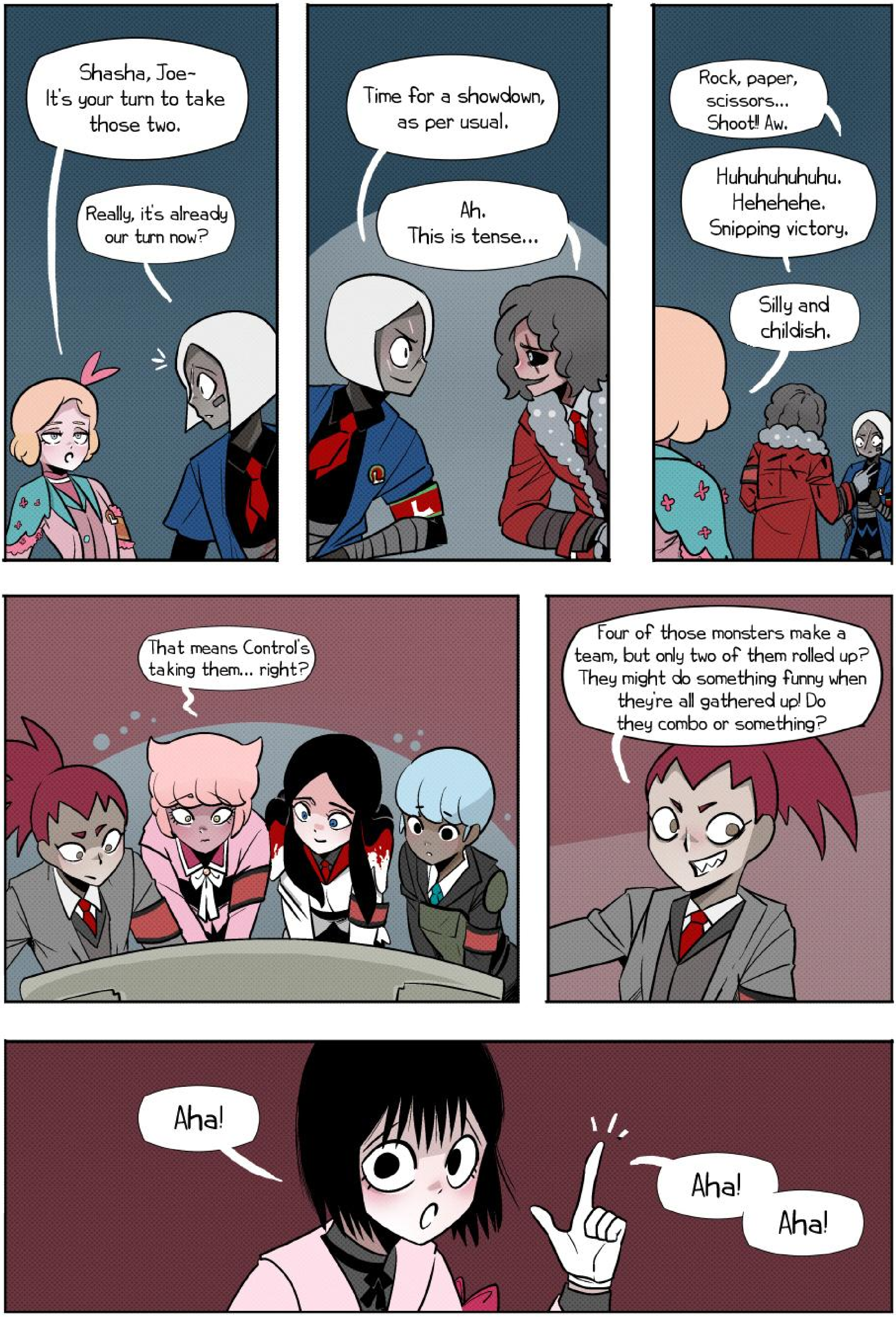
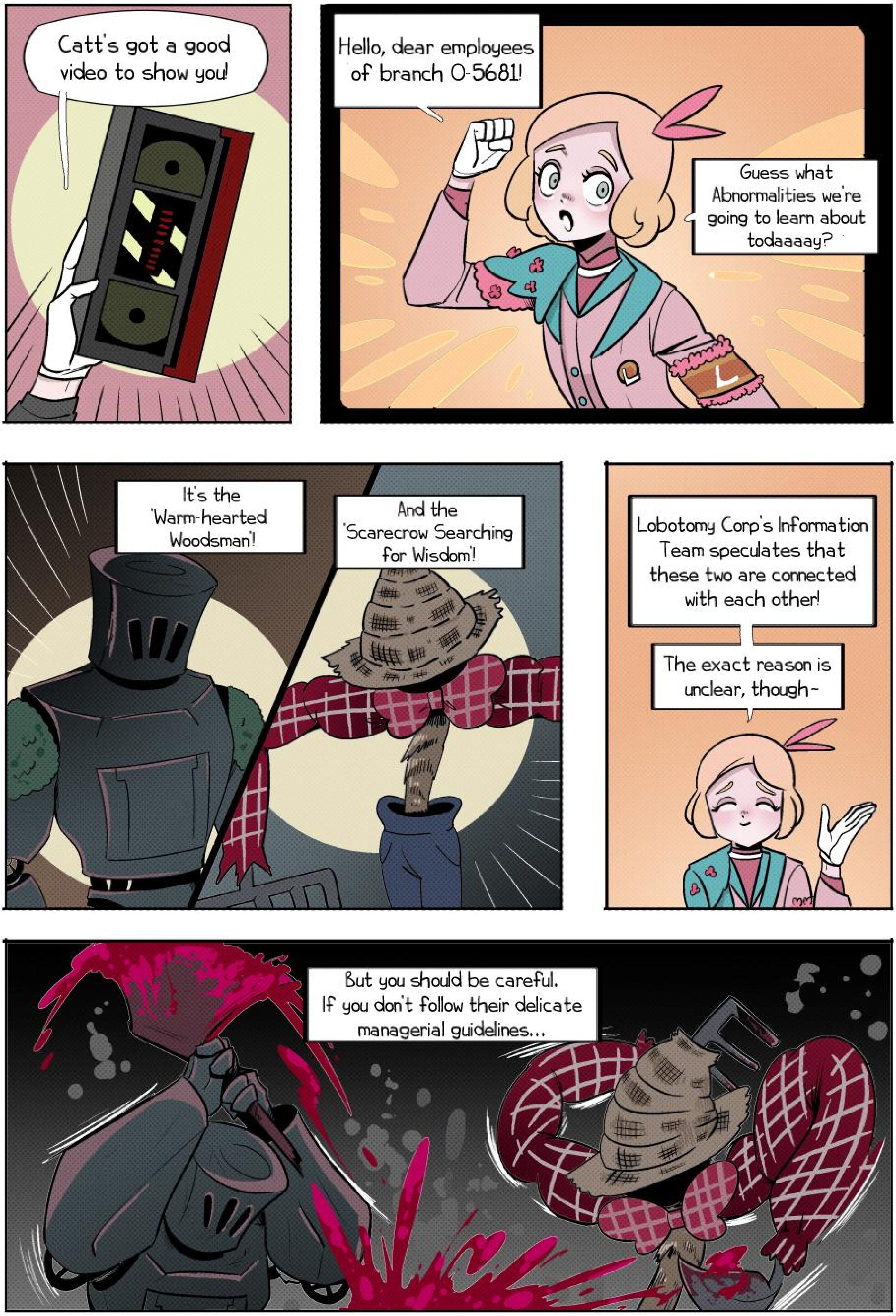
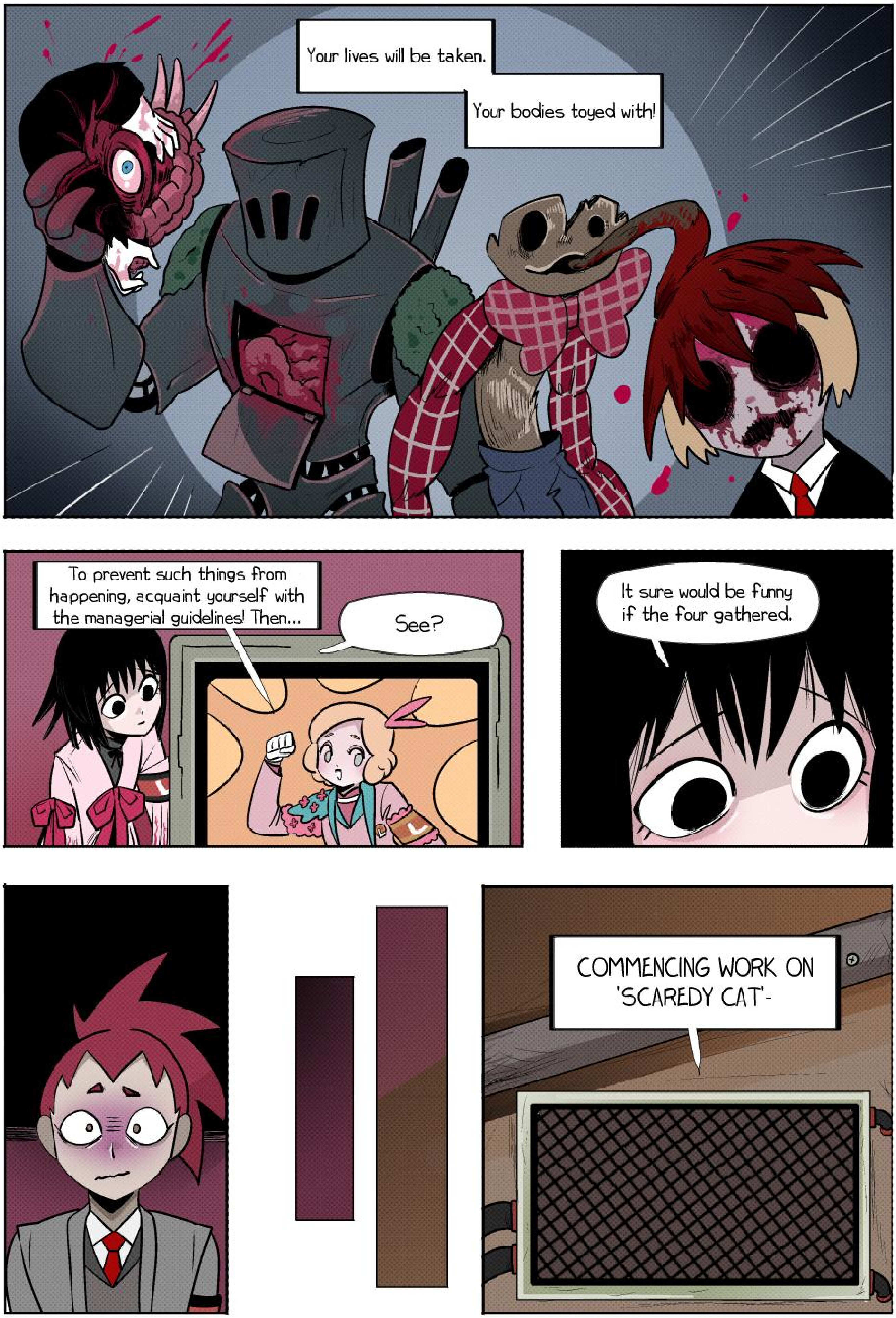
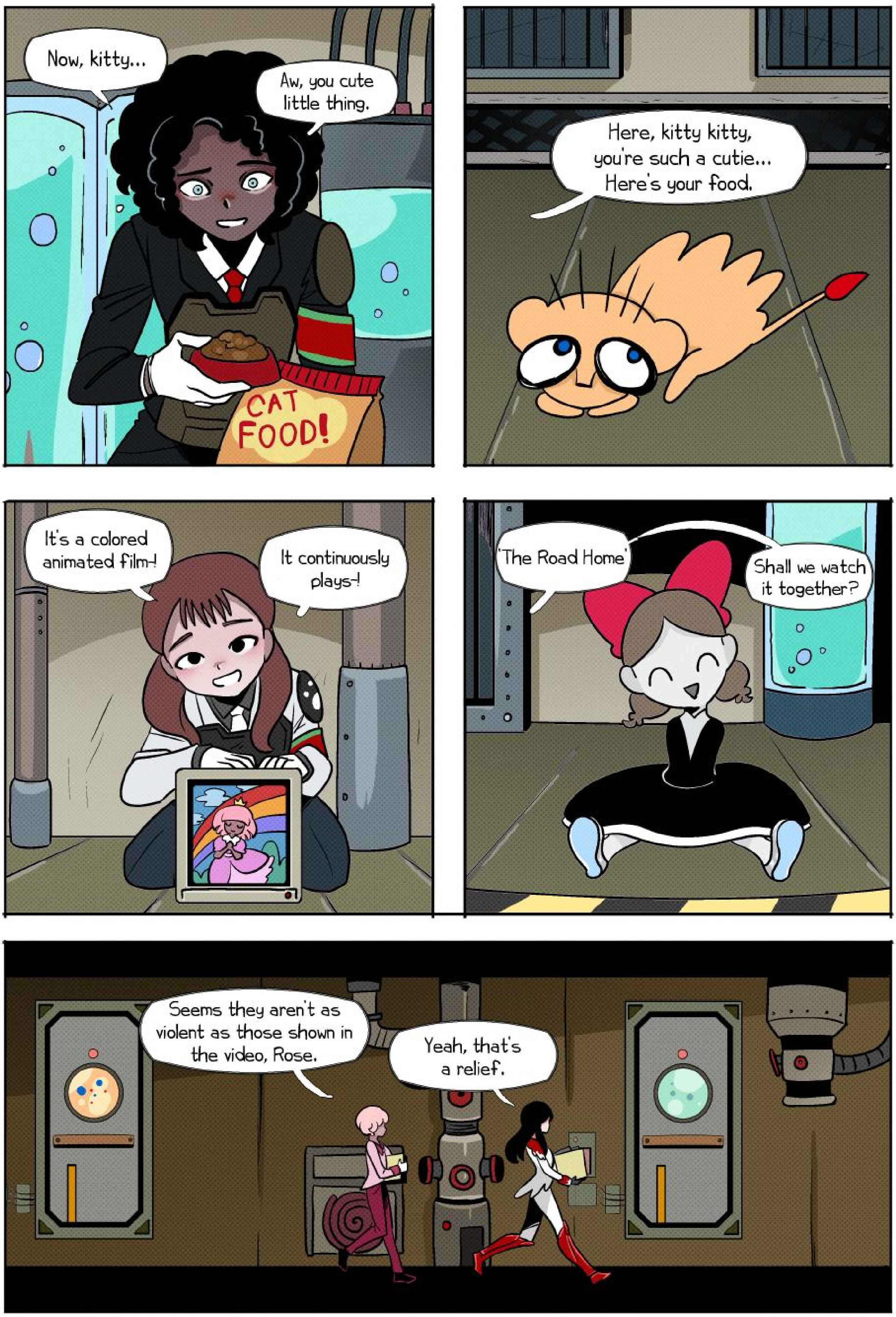
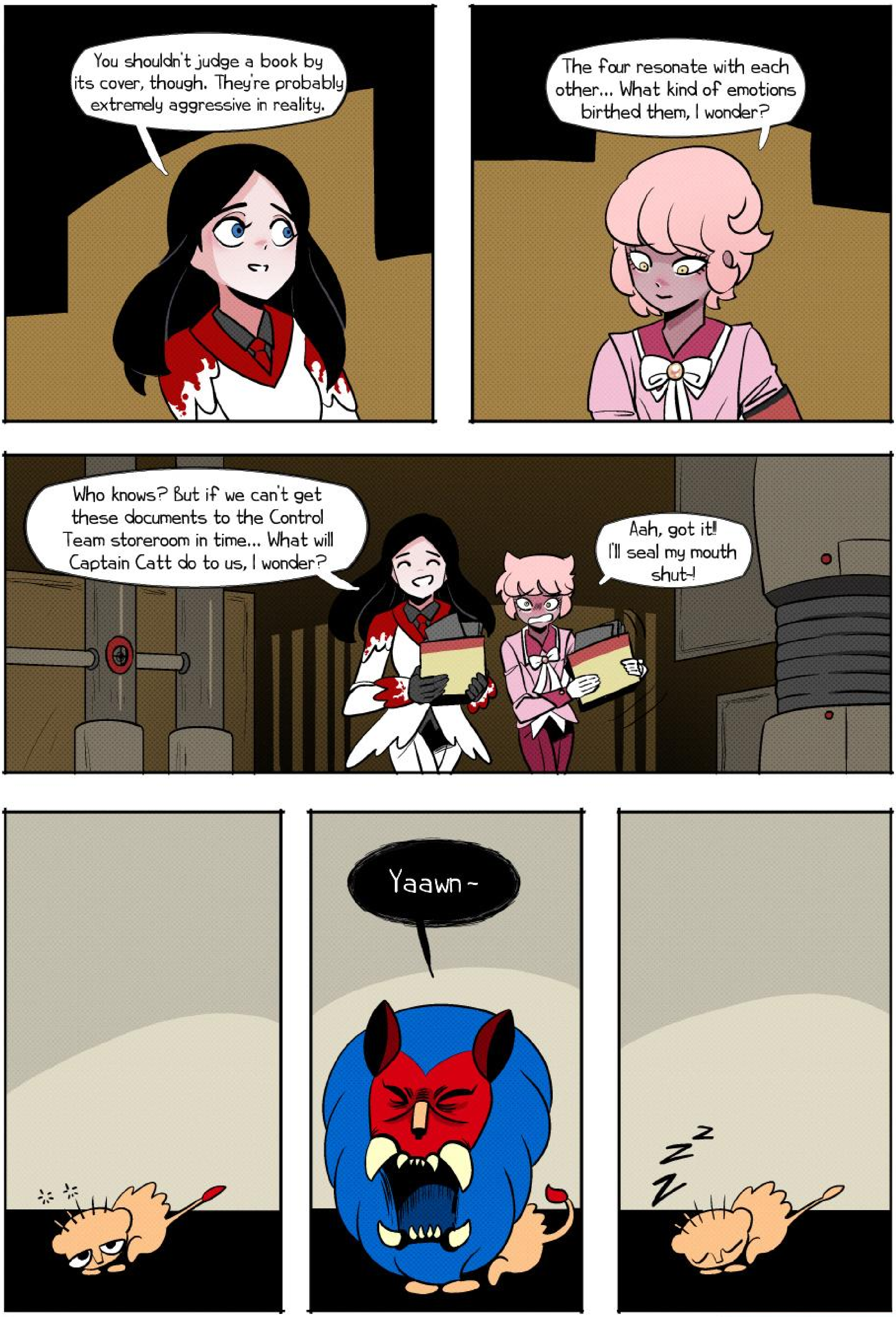
Scaredy Cat
The Road Home
Managerial tips of 'Scaredy Cat', check!
The Road Home
Confirmed the managerial guidelines for 'The Road Home'!
I recognize those names. They act in a quartet, I believe.
Yep! Those four are a total nightmare to deal with when they're together~!
Even two of them are a bother to handle.


Shasha, Joe~ It's your turn to take those two.
Really, it's already our turn now?
Time for a showdown, as per usual.
Ah. This is tense...
Rock, paper, scissors... Shoot!! Aw.
Huhuhuhuhuhu. Hehehehe. Snipping victory.
Silly and childish.
That means Control's taking them... right?
Four of those monsters make a team, but only two of them rolled up? They might do something funny when they're all gathered up! Do they combo or something?
Aha!
Aha!
Aha!


Catt's got a good video to show you!
Hello, dear employees of branch O-5681!
Guess what Abnormalities we're going to learn about todaaaay?
It's the 'Warm-hearted Woodsman'!
And the 'Scarecrow Searching for Wisdom'!
Lobotomy Corp's Information Team speculates that these two are connected with each other!
The exact reason is unclear, though~
But you should be careful. If you don't follow their delicate managerial guidelines...


Your lives will be taken.
Your bodies toyed with!
To prevent such things from happening, acquaint yourself with the managerial guidelines! Then...
See?
It sure would be funny if the four gathered.
COMMENCING WORK ON 'SCAREDY CAT'-


Now, kitty...
Aw, you cute little thing.
CAT FOOD!
Here, kitty kitty, you're such a cutie... Here's your food.
It's a colored animated film-!
It continuously plays-!
'The Road Home'
Shall we watch it together?
Seems they aren't as violent as those shown in the video, Rose.
Yeah, that's a relief.


You shouldn't judge a book by its cover, though. They're probably extremely aggressive in reality.
The four resonate with each other... What kind of emotions birthed them, I wonder?
Who knows? But if we can't get these documents to the Control Team storeroom in time... What will Captain Catt do to us, I wonder?
Aah, got it!! I'll seal my mouth shut~!
Yaawn ~
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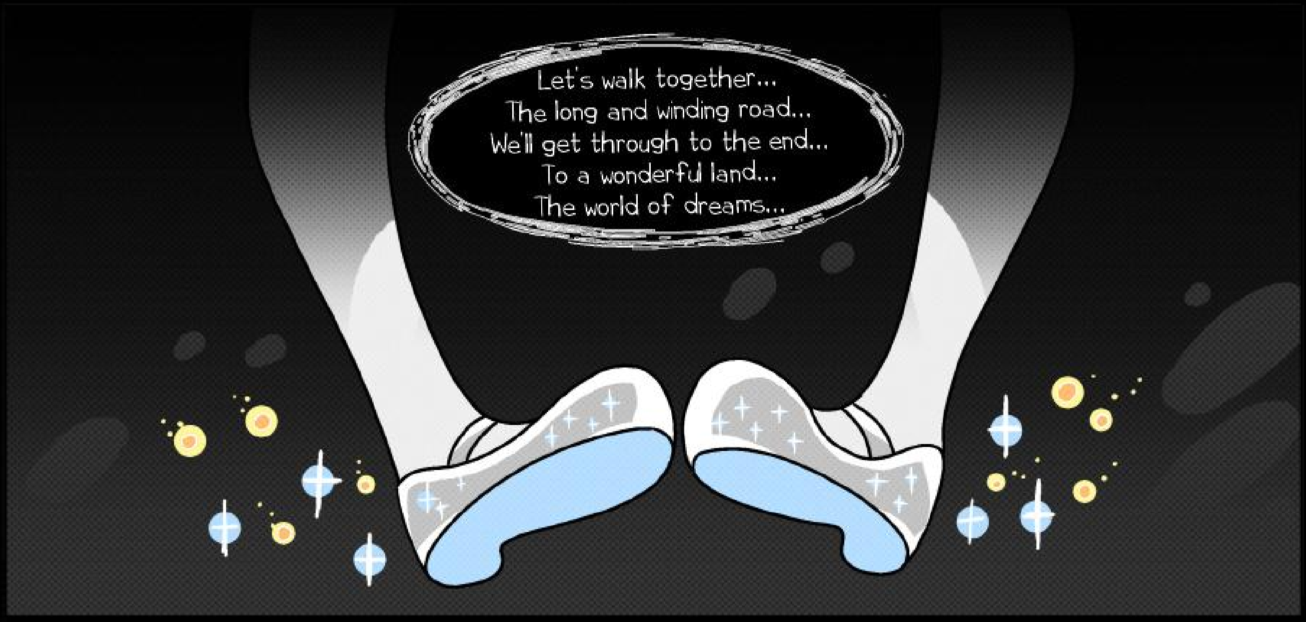
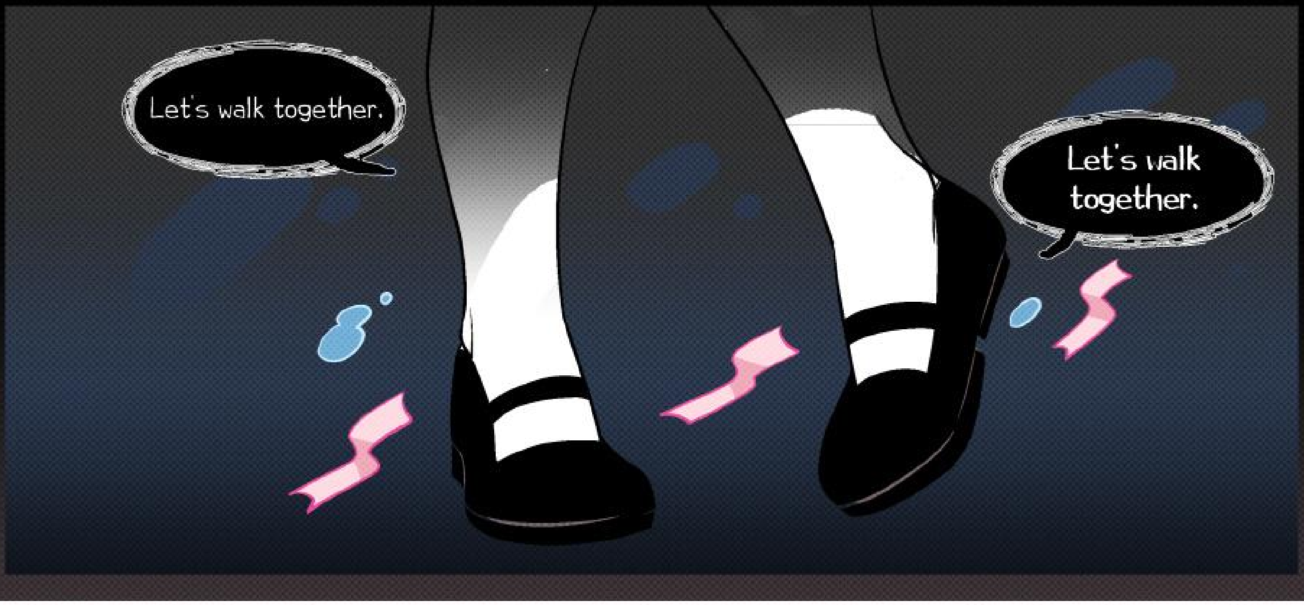
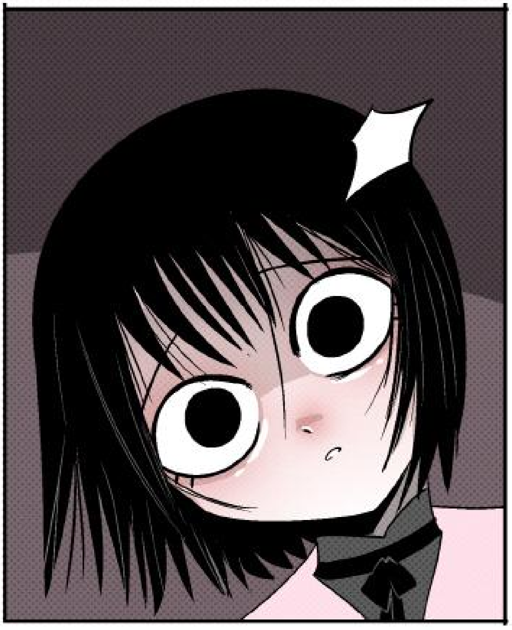
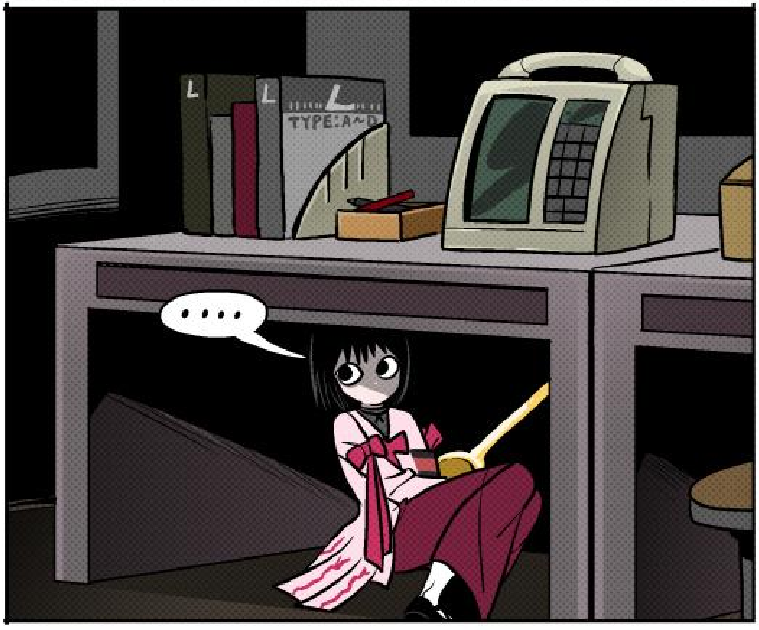

Let's walk together...
The long and winding road...
We'll get through to the end...
To a wonderful land...
The world of dreams...


Let's walk together.
Let's walk together.

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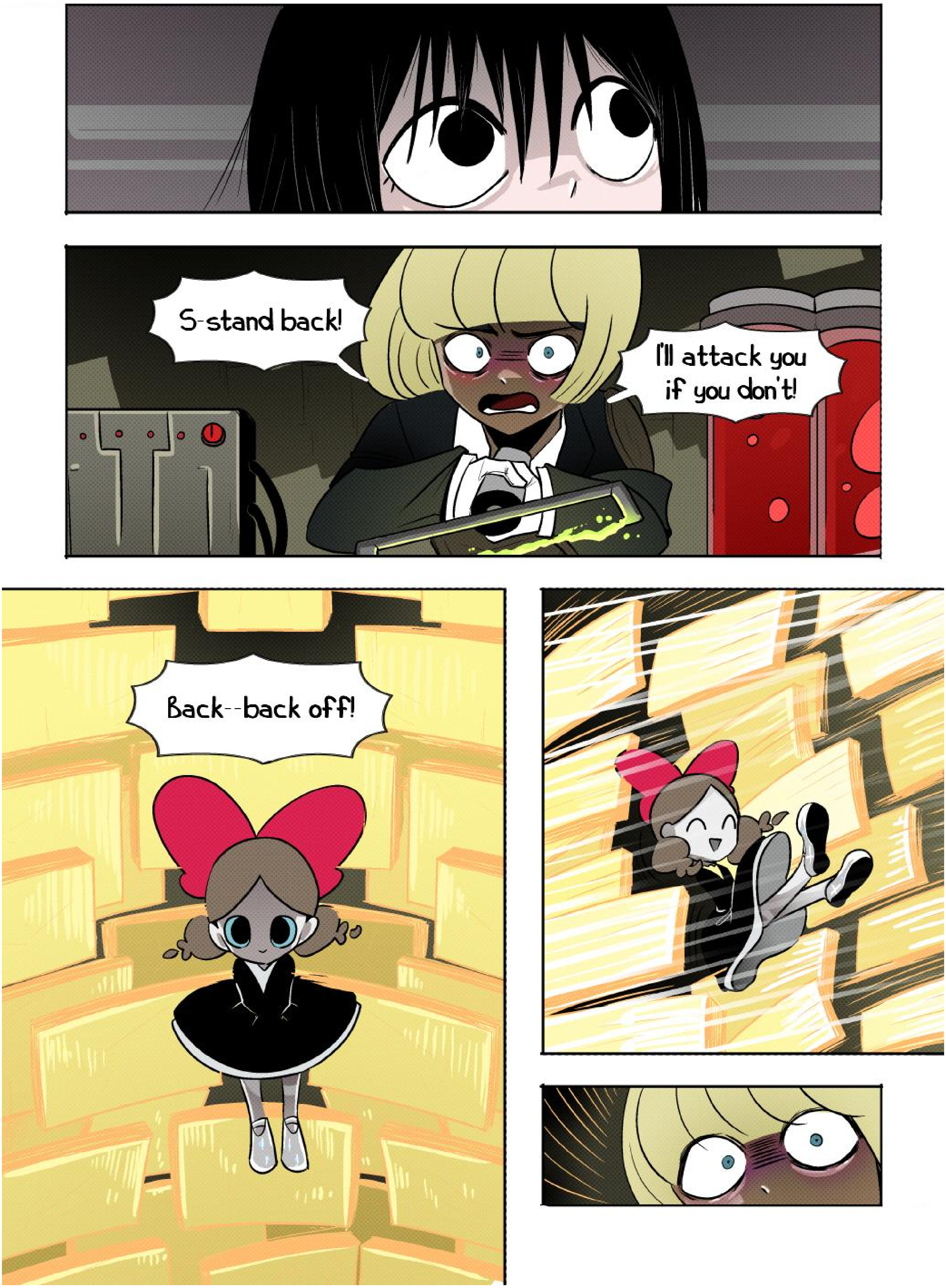
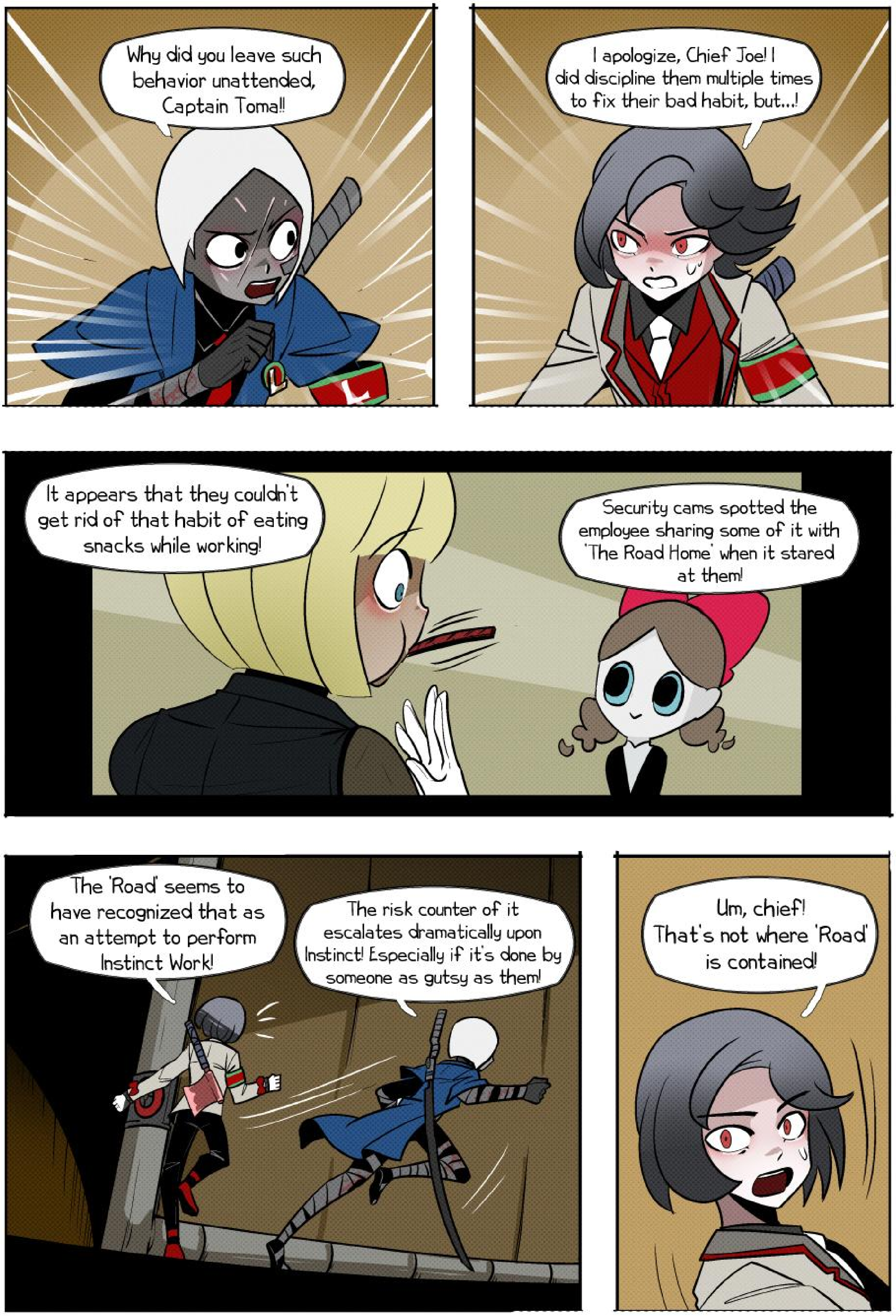
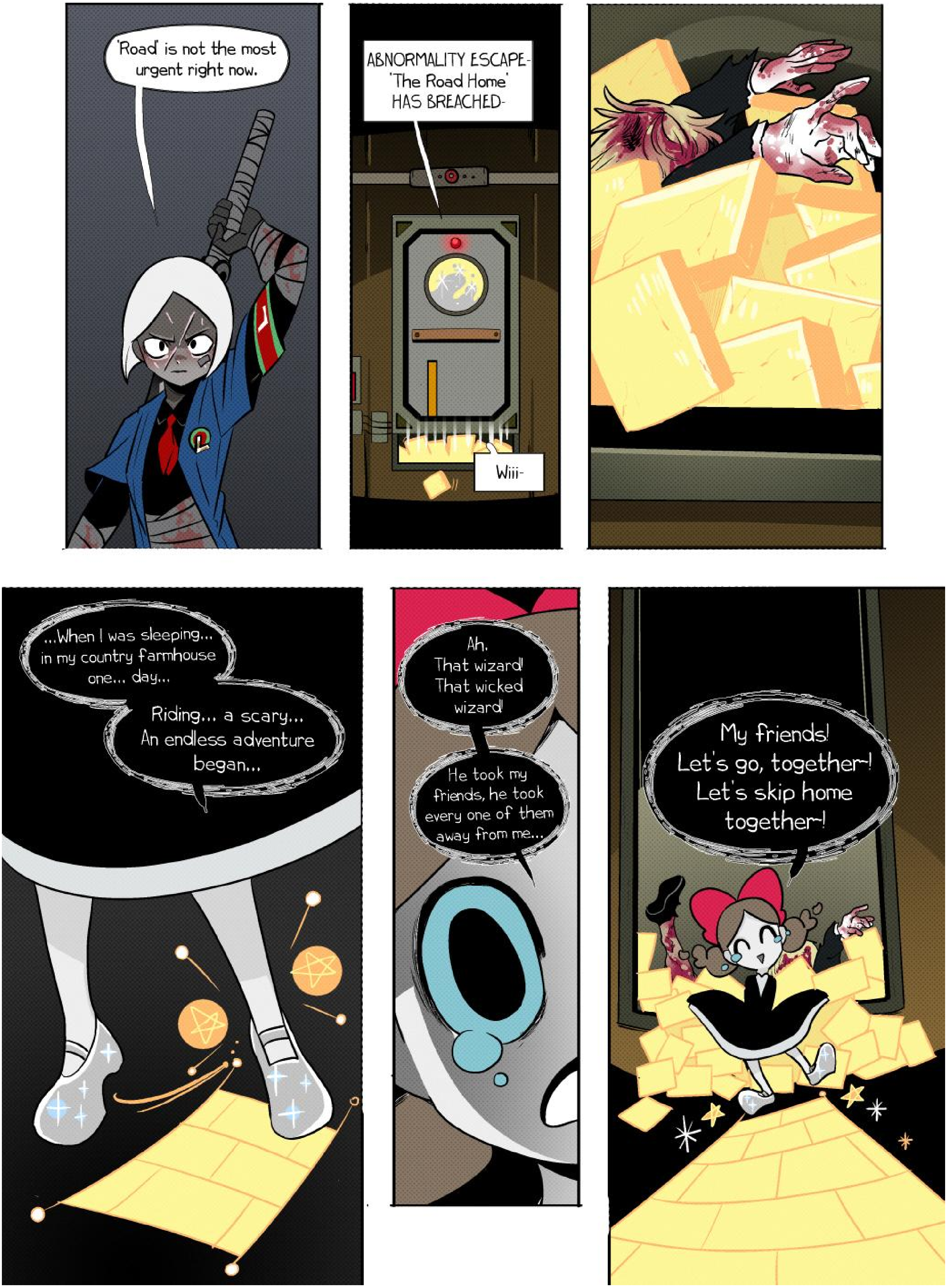
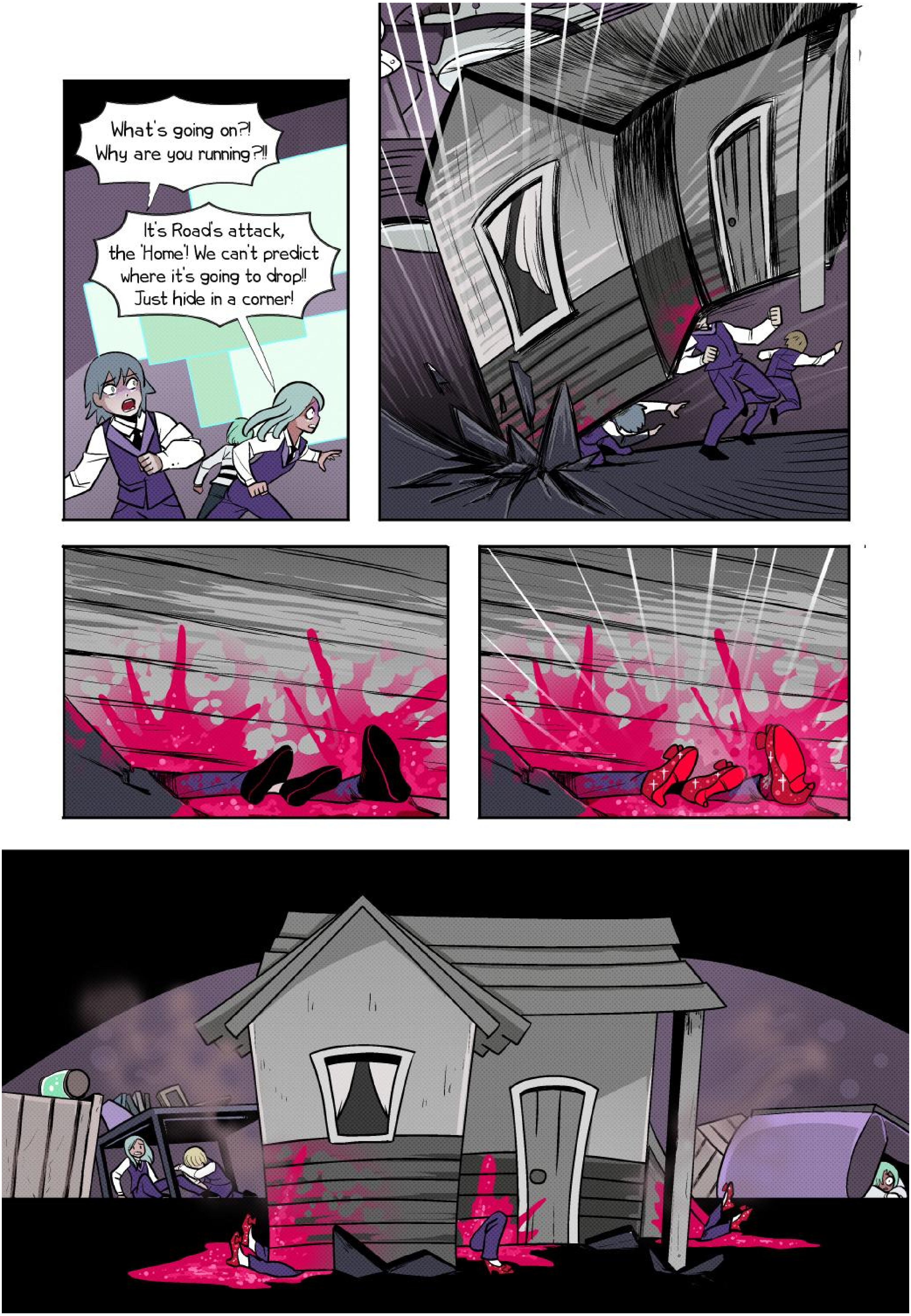
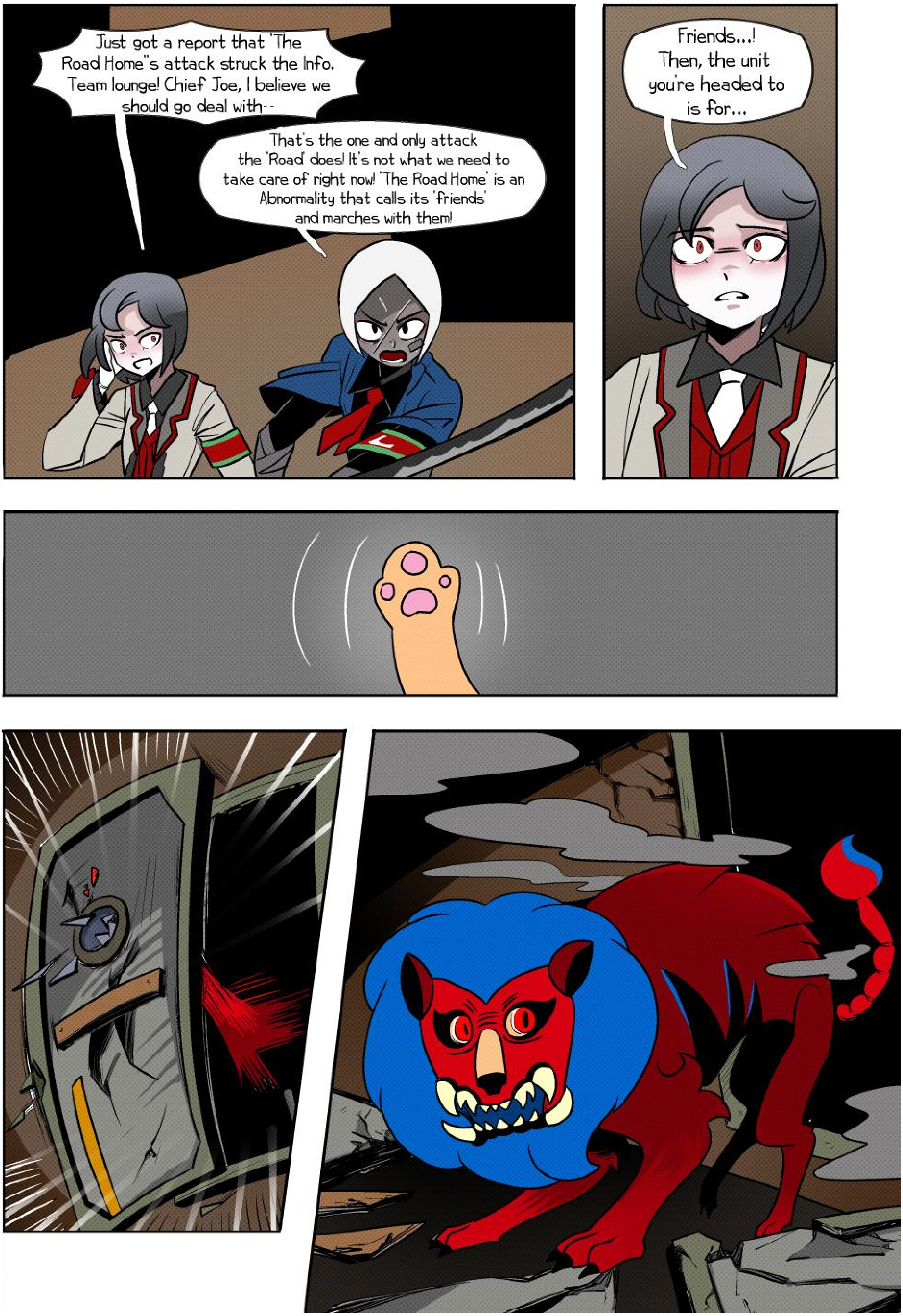
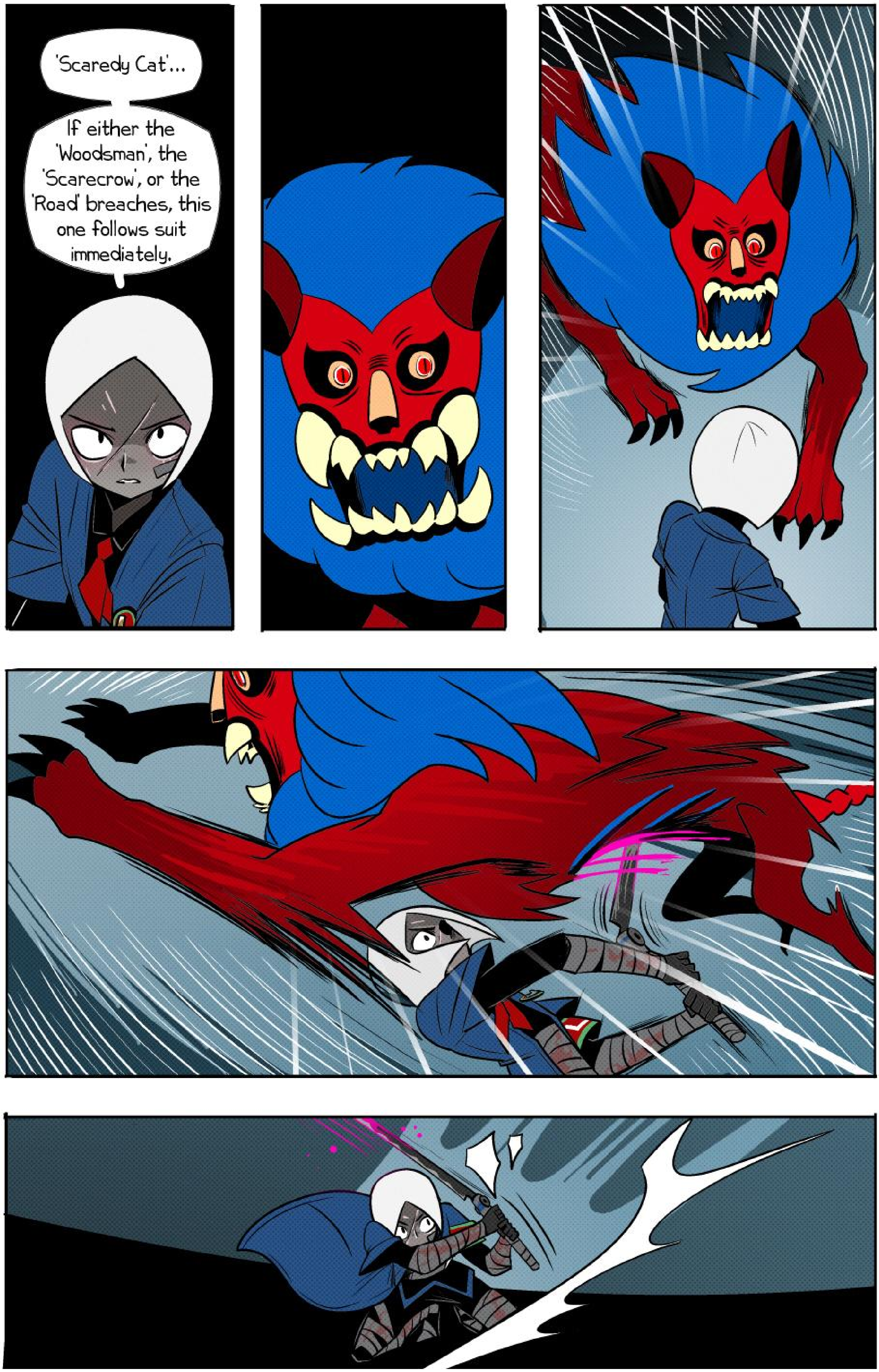

S-stand back!
I'll attack you if you don't!
Back--back off!

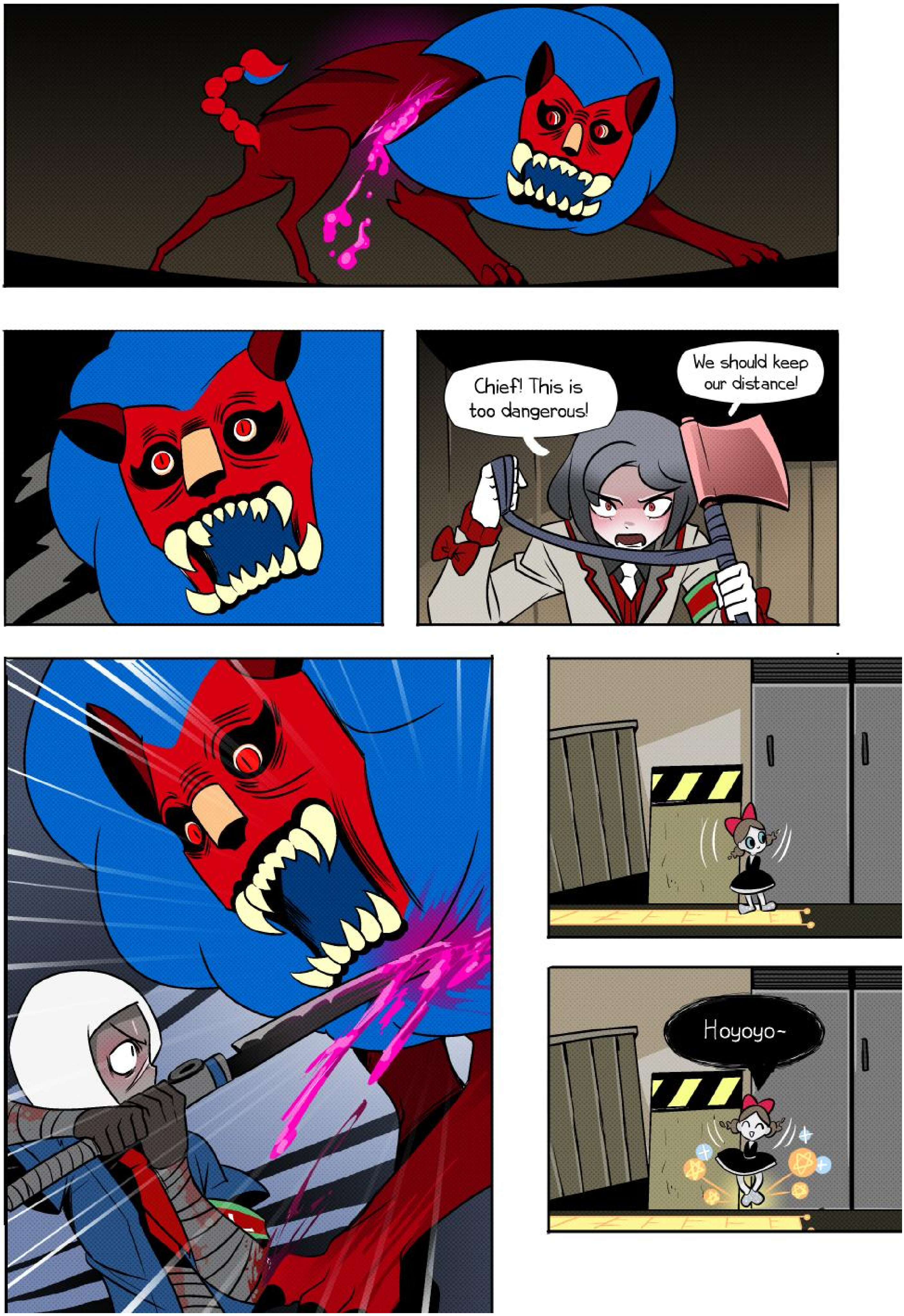

Why did you leave such behavior unattended, Captain Toma!!
I apologize, Chief Joe! I did discipline them multiple times to fix their bad habit, but...!
It appears that they couldn't get rid of that habit of eating snacks while working!
Security cams spotted the employee sharing some of it with 'The Road Home' when it stared at them!
The 'Road' seems to have recognized that as an attempt to perform Instinct Work!
The risk counter of it escalates dramatically upon Instinct! Especially if it's done by someone as gutsy as them!
Um, chief! That's not where 'Road' is contained!

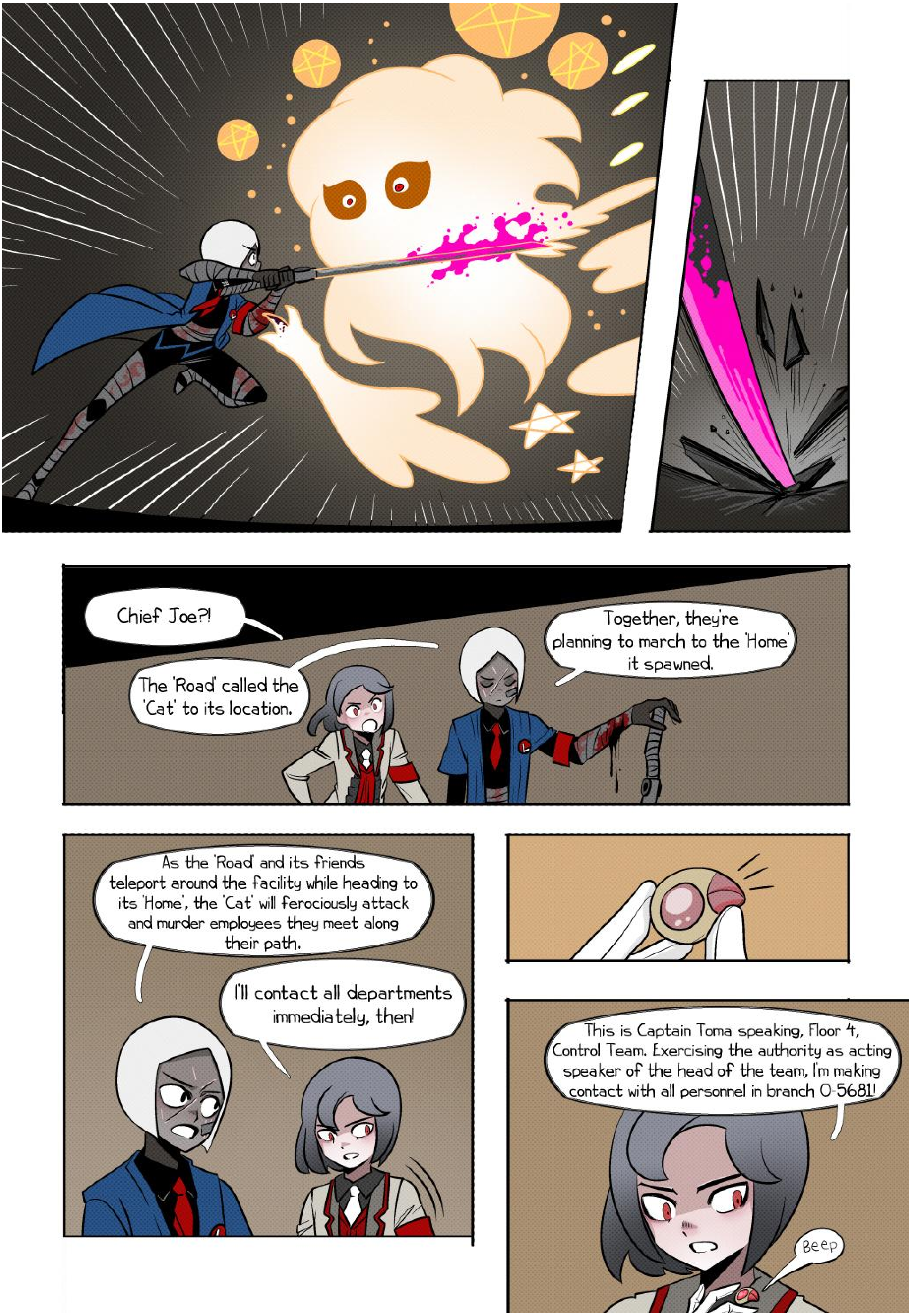

'Road' is not the most urgent right now.
ABNORMALITY ESCAPE- 'The Road Home' HAS BREACHED-
Wiii-
...When I was sleeping... in my country farmhouse one... day...
Riding... a scary... An endless adventure began...
Ah. That wizard! That wicked wizard!
He took my friends, he took every one of them away from me...
My friends! Let's go, together~! Let's skip home together~!

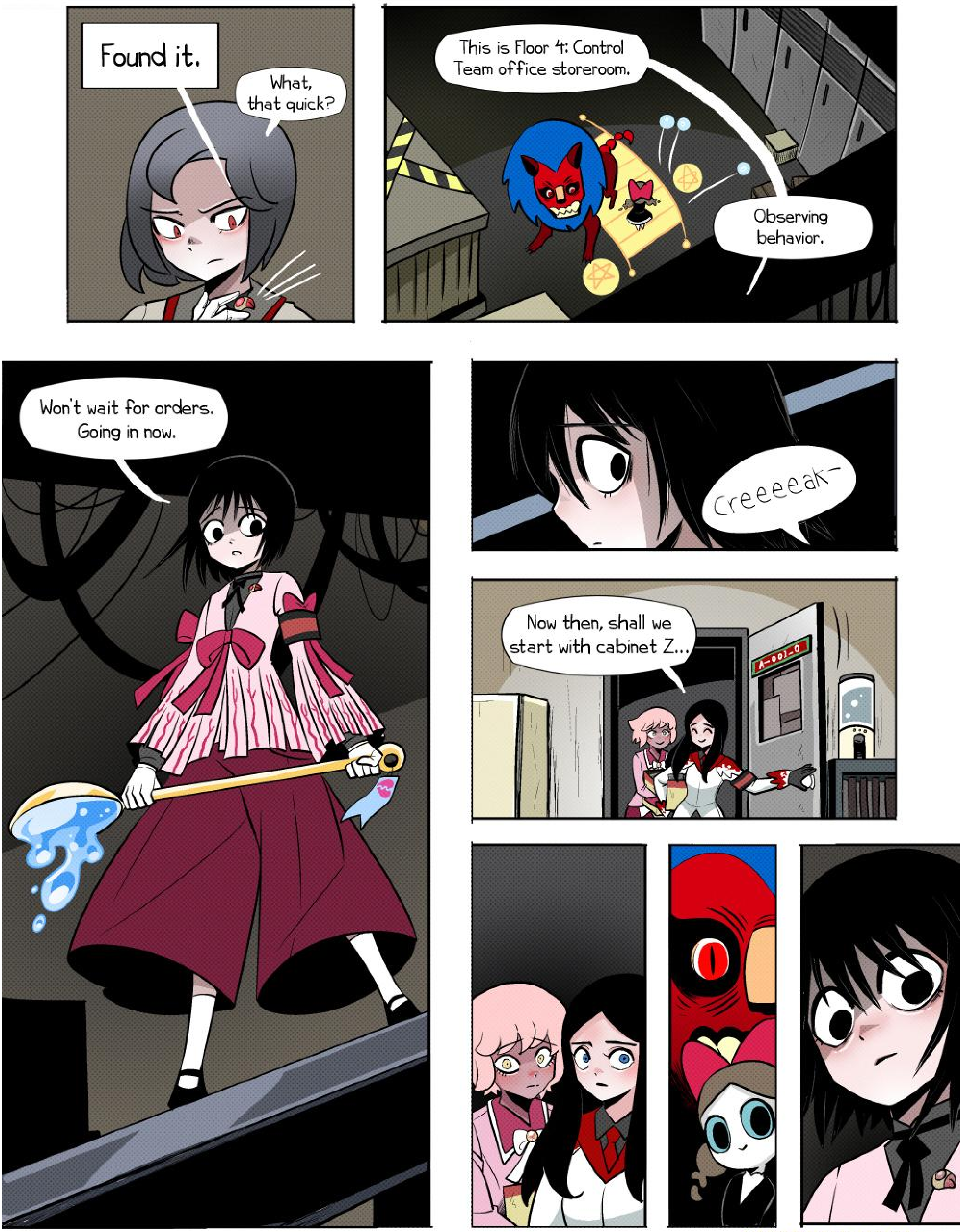

What's going on?! Why are you running?!!
It's Road's attack, the 'Home'! We can't predict where it's going to drop!! Just hide in a corner!

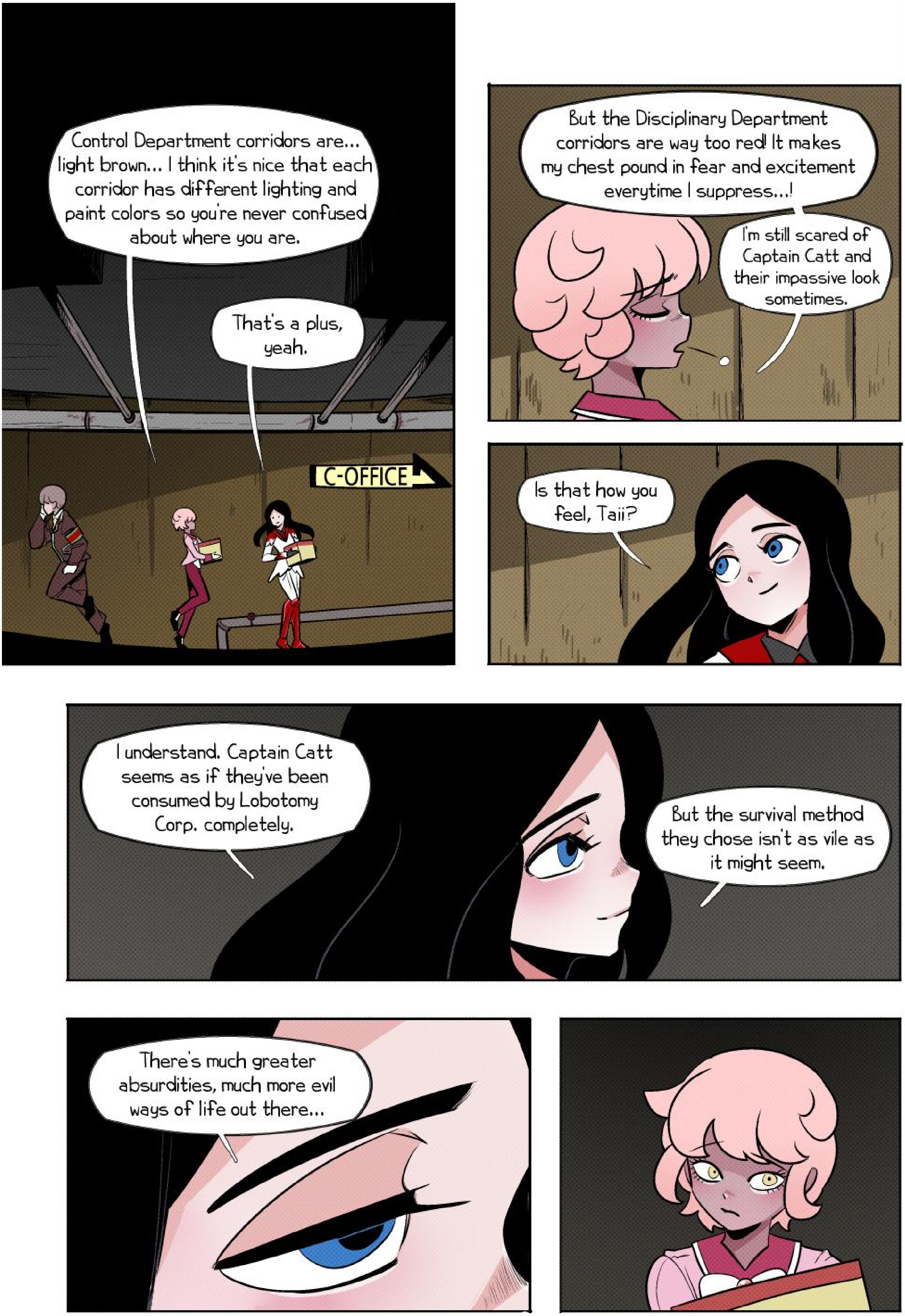

Just got a report that 'The Road Home''s attack struck the Info. Team lounge! Chief Joe, I believe we should go deal with--
That's the one and only attack the 'Road' does! It's not what we need to take care of right now! 'The Road Home' is an Abnormality that calls its 'friends' and marches with them!
Friends...! Then, the unit you're headed to is for...

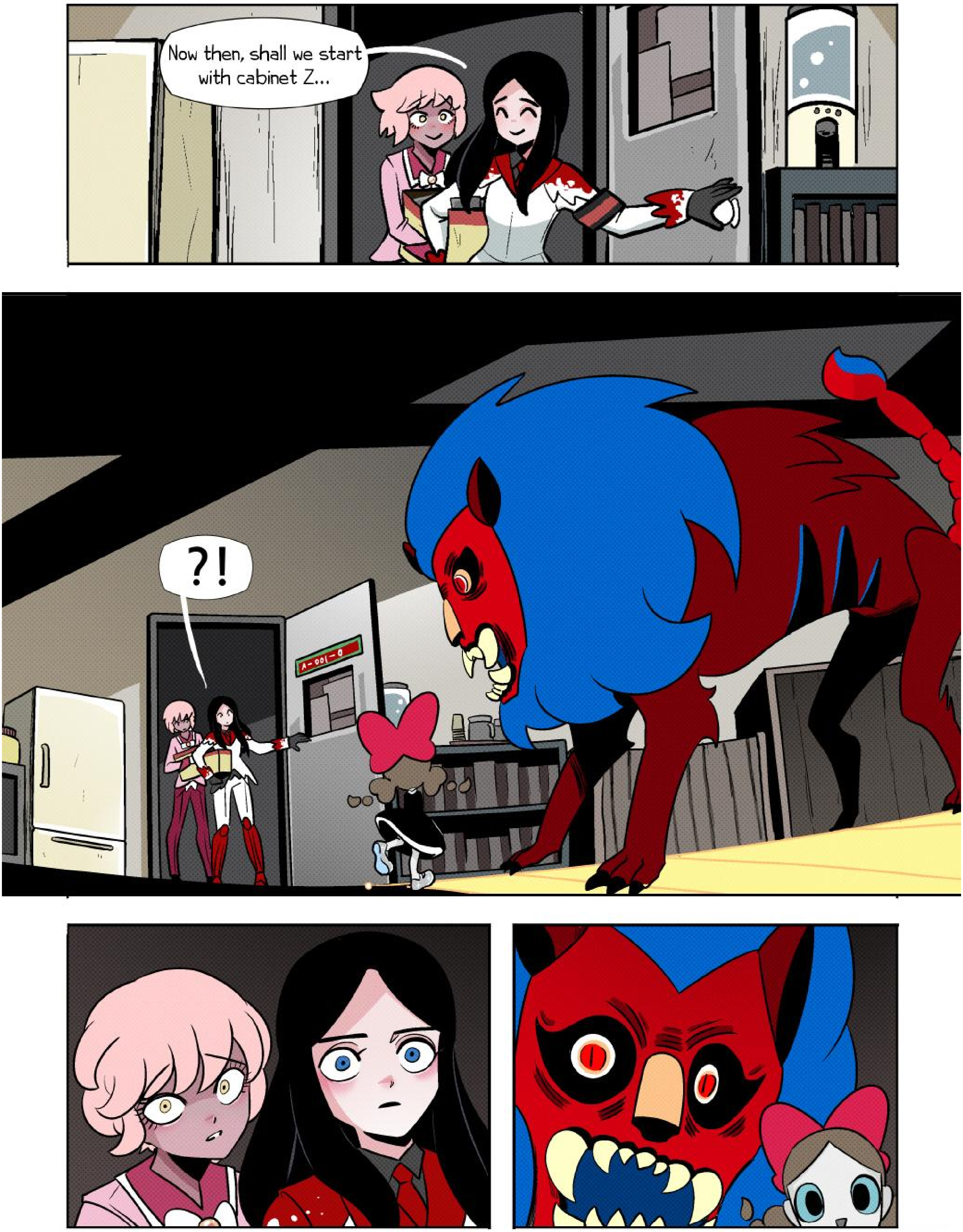

'Scaredy Cat'...
If either the 'Woodsman', the 'Scarecrow', or the 'Road' breaches, this one follows suit immediately.


Chief! This is too dangerous!
We should keep our distance!
Hoyoyo~


Chief Joe?!
The 'Road' called the 'Cat' to its location.
Together, they're planning to march to the 'Home' it spawned.
As the 'Road' and its friends teleport around the facility while heading to its 'Home', the 'Cat' will ferociously attack and murder employees they meet along their path.
I'll contact all departments immediately, then!
This is Captain Toma speaking, Floor 4, Control Team. Exercising the authority as acting speaker of the head of the team, I'm making contact with all personnel in branch O-5681!
Beep


Found it.
What, that quick?
This is Floor 4: Control Team office storeroom.
Observing behavior.
Won't wait for orders. Going in now.
Creeeeak-
A-001-0
Now then, shall we start with cabinet Z...


Control Department corridors are... light brown... I think it's nice that each corridor has different lighting and paint colors so you're never confused about where you are.
That's a plus, yeah.
C-OFFICE
But the Disciplinary Department corridors are way too red! It makes my chest pound in fear and excitement everytime I suppress...!
I'm still scared of Captain Catt and their impassive look sometimes.
Is that how you feel, Taii?
I understand. Captain Catt seems as if they've been consumed by Lobotomy Corp. completely.
But the survival method they chose isn't as vile as it might seem.
There's much greater absurdities, much more evil ways of life out there...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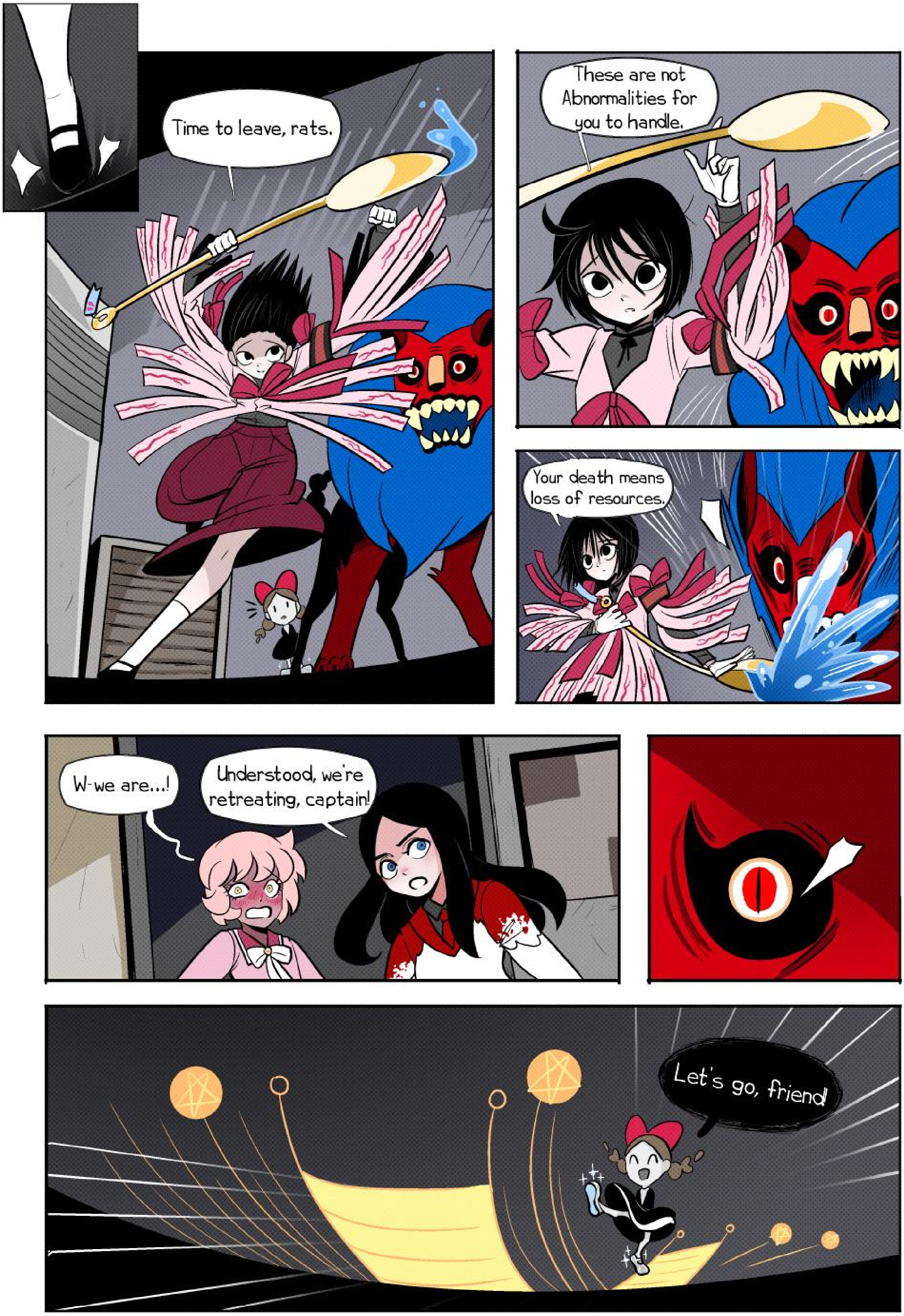
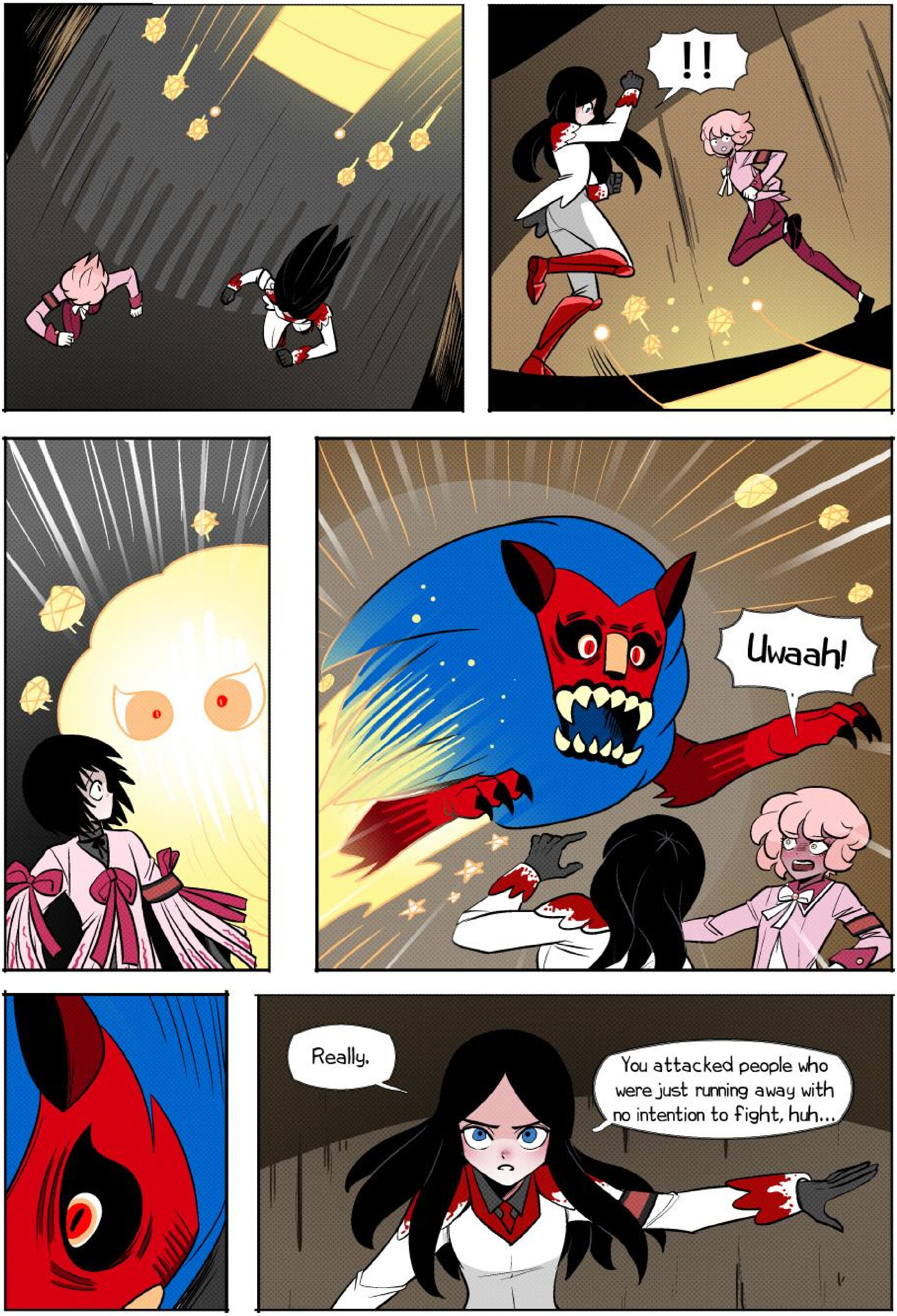

Time to leave, rats.
These are not Abnormalities for you to handle.
Your death means loss of resources.
W-we are...!
Understood, we're retreating, captain!
Let's go, friend!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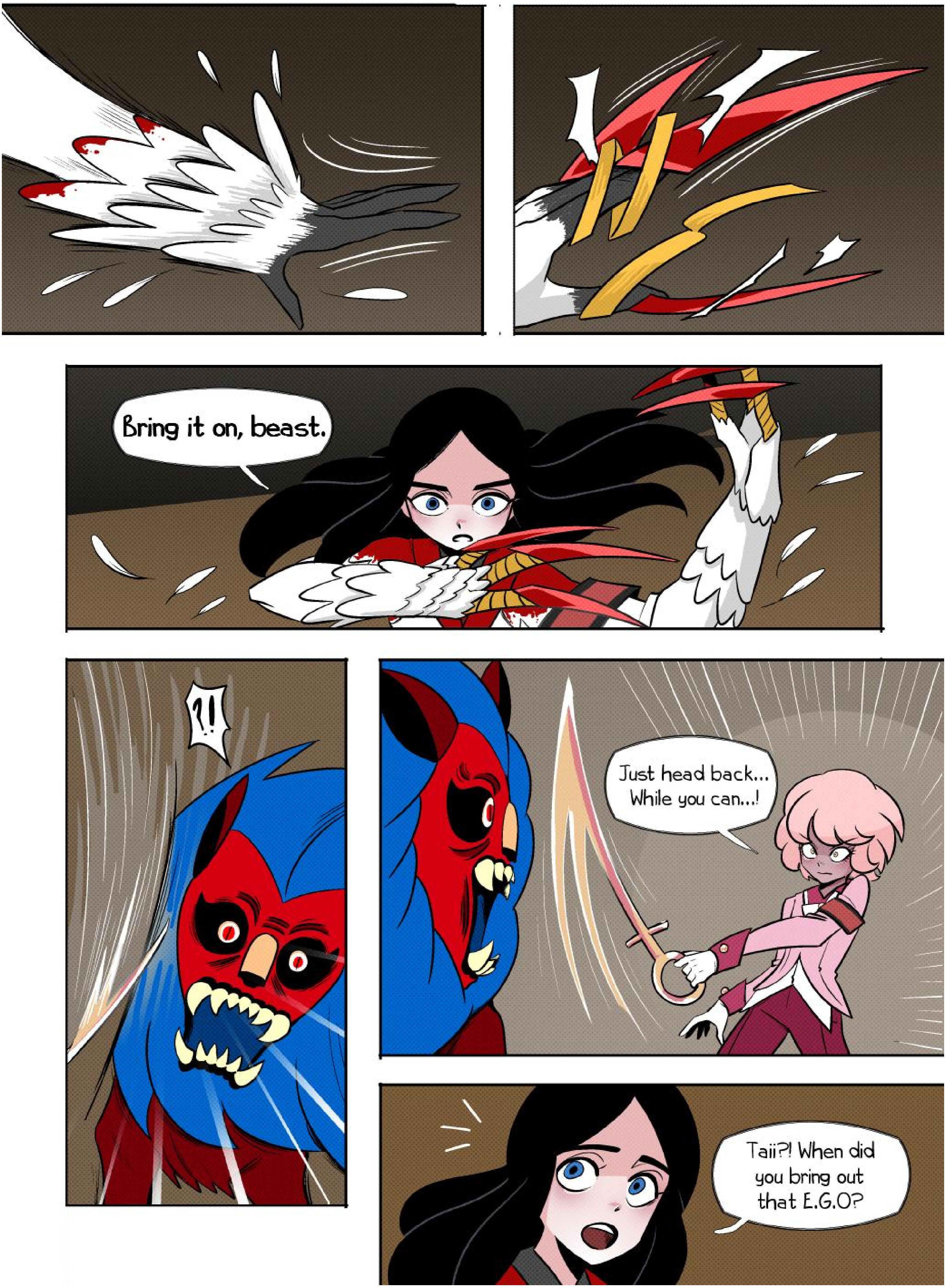
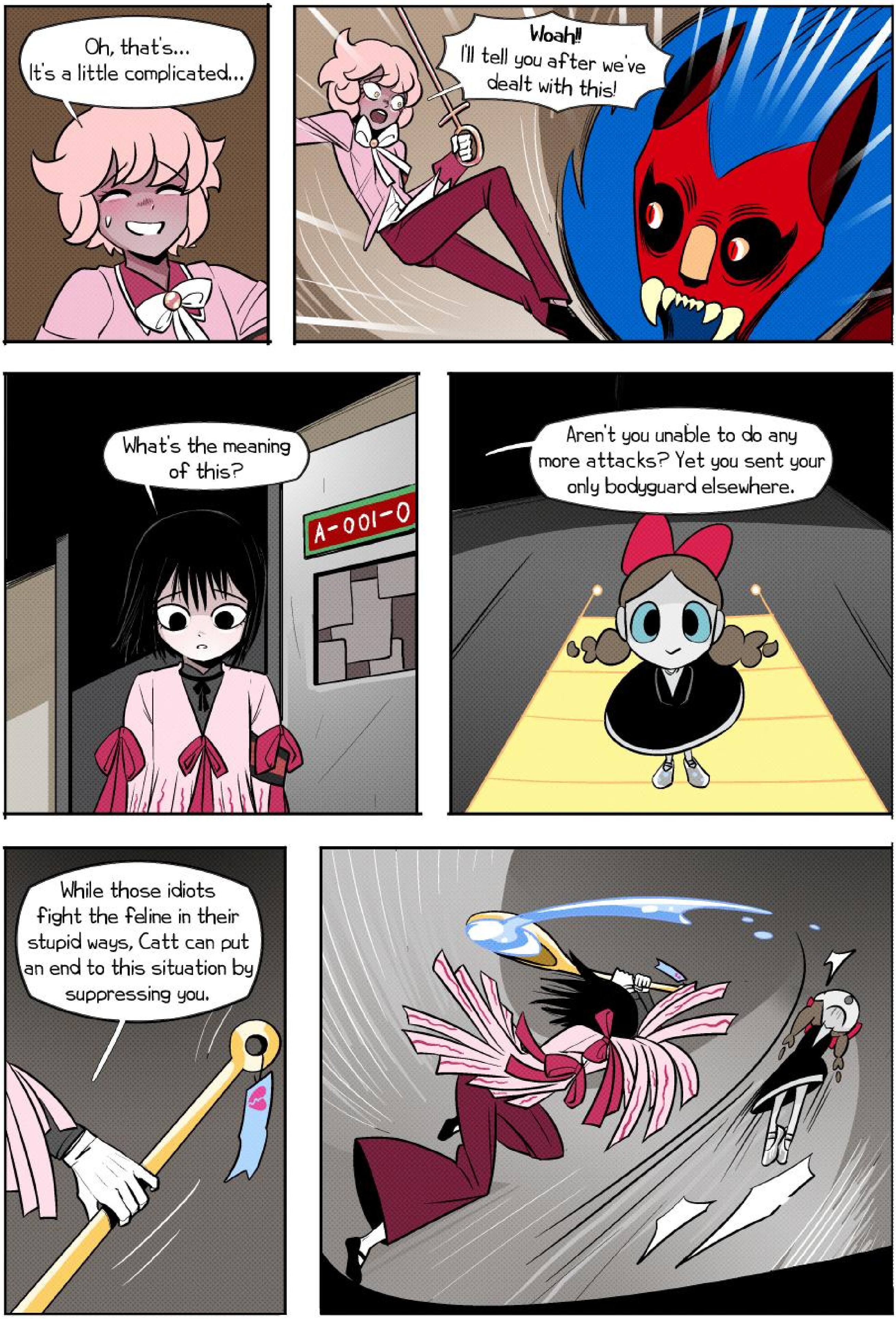
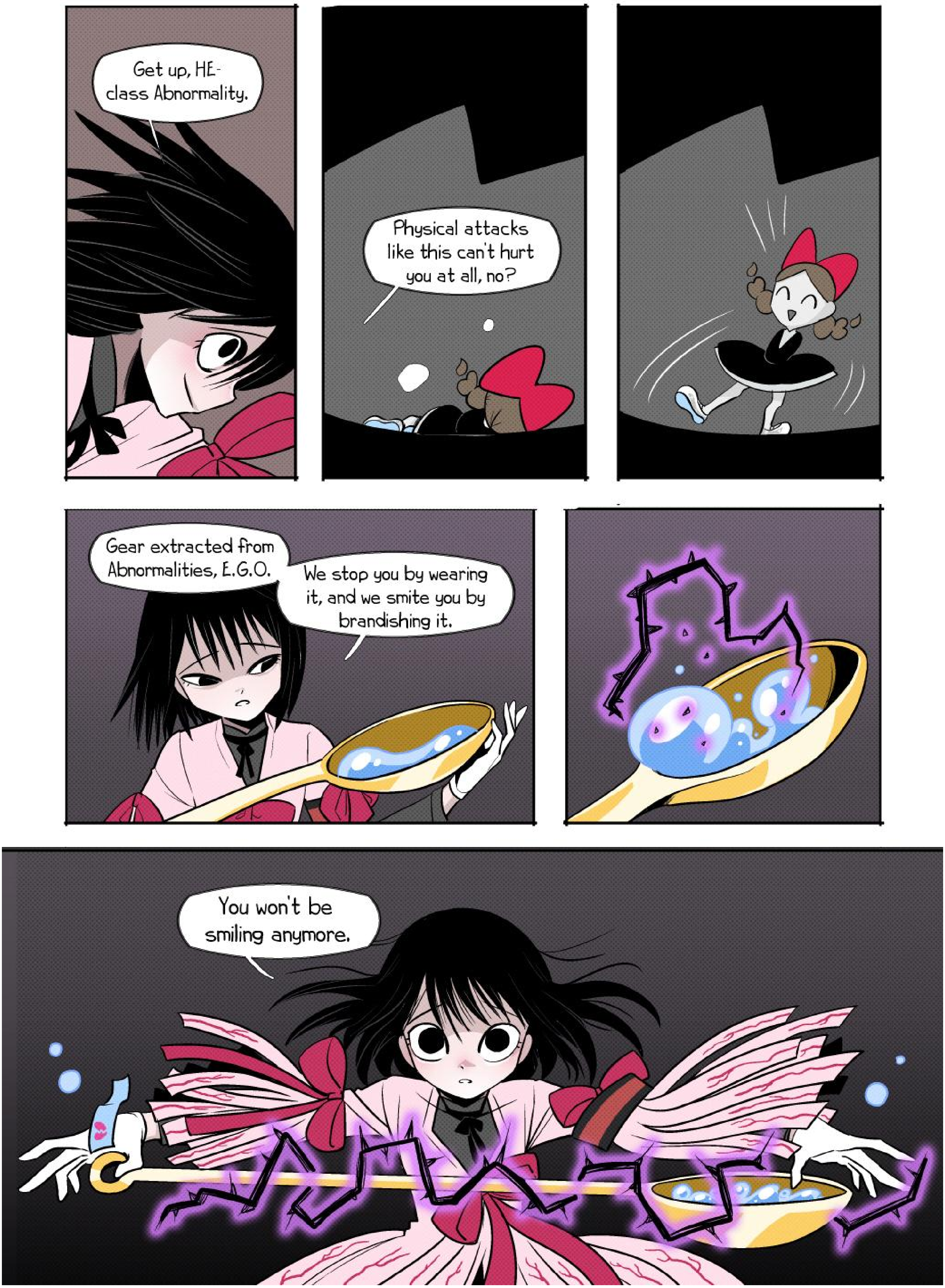
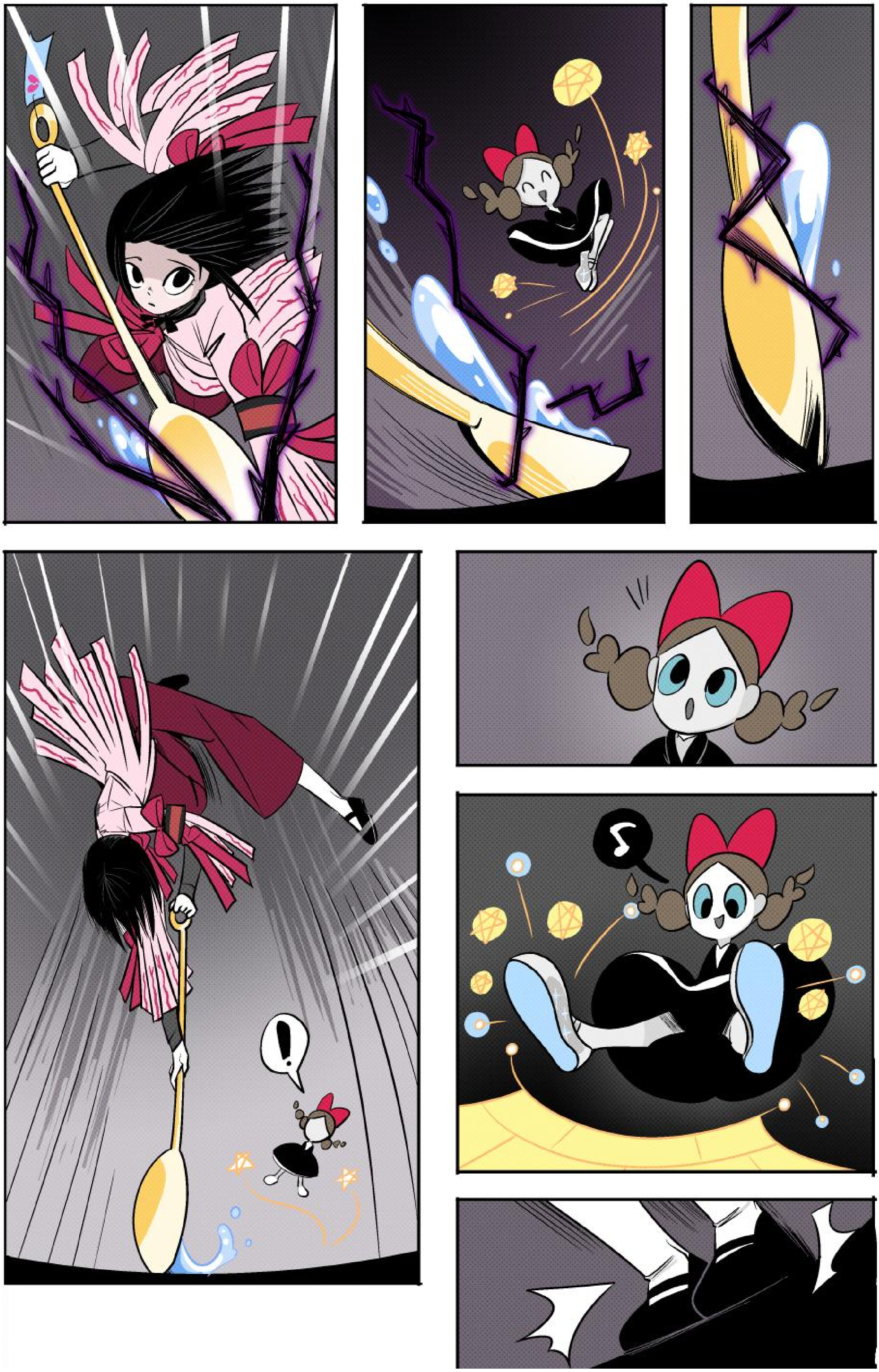
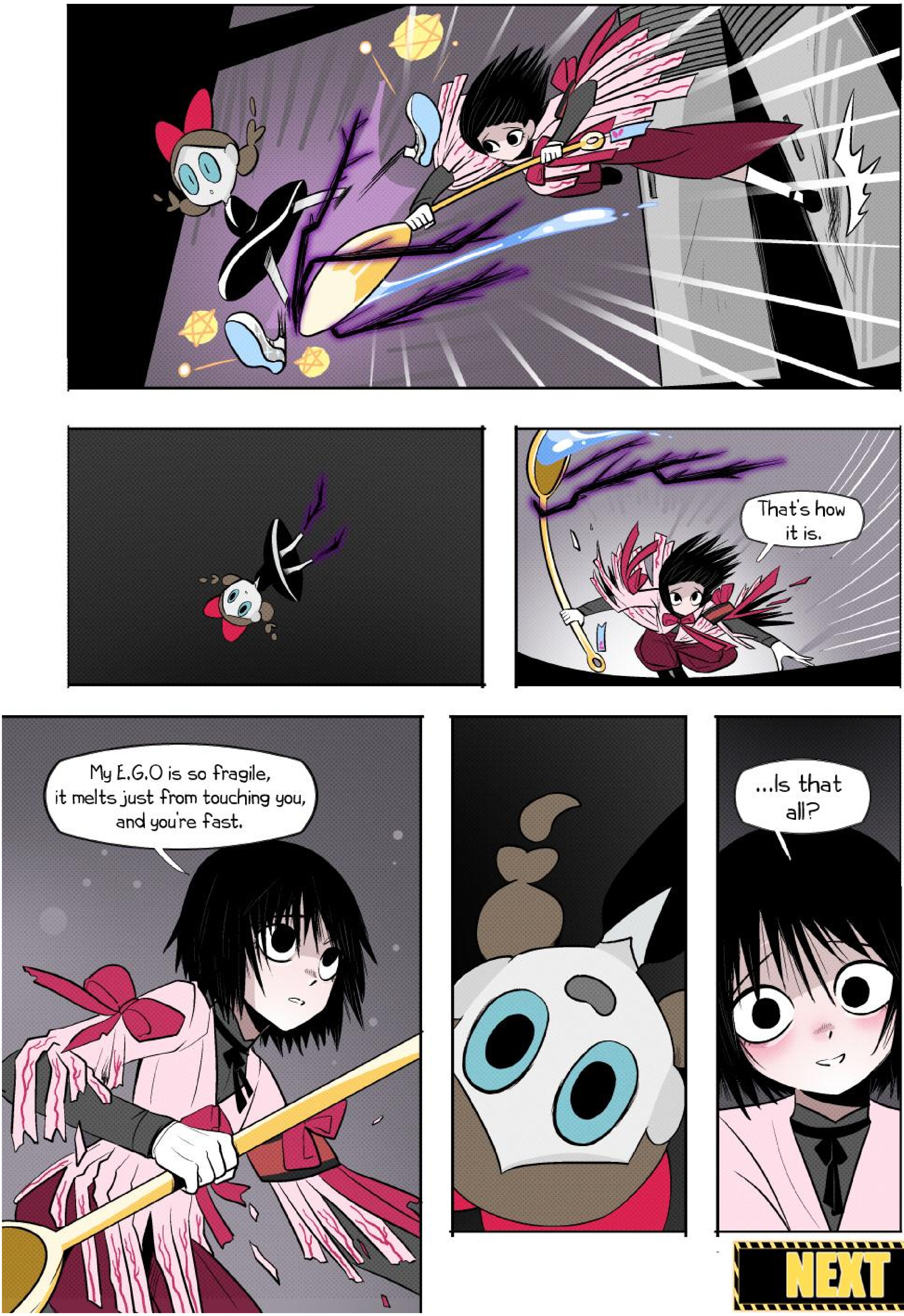
Uwaah!
Really.
You attacked people who were just running away with no intention to fight, huh...


Bring it on, beast.
?!
Just head back... While you can...!
Taii?! When did you bring out that E.G.O?


Oh, that's... It's a little complicated...
Woah!! I'll tell you after we've dealt with this!
What's the meaning of this?
A-001-O
Aren't you unable to do any more attacks? Yet you sent your only bodyguard elsewhere.
While those idiots fight the feline in their stupid ways, Catt can put an end to this situation by suppressing you.


Get up, HE-class Abnormality.
Physical attacks like this can't hurt you at all, no?
Gear extracted from Abnormalities, E.G.O.
We stop you by wearing it, and we smite you by brandishing it.
You won't be smiling anymore.




That's how it is.
My E.G.O is so fragile, it melts just from touching you, and you're fast.
...Is that all?

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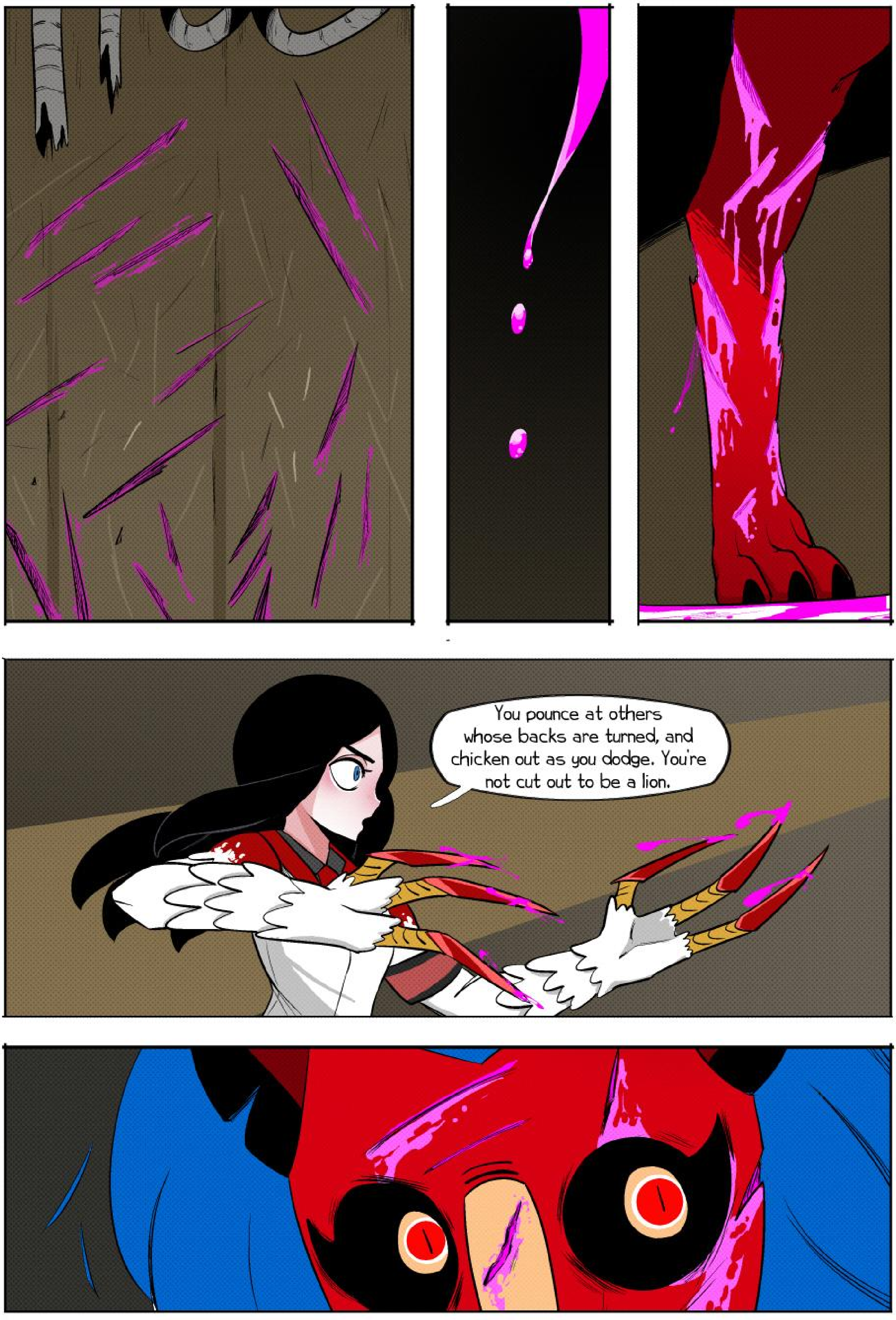
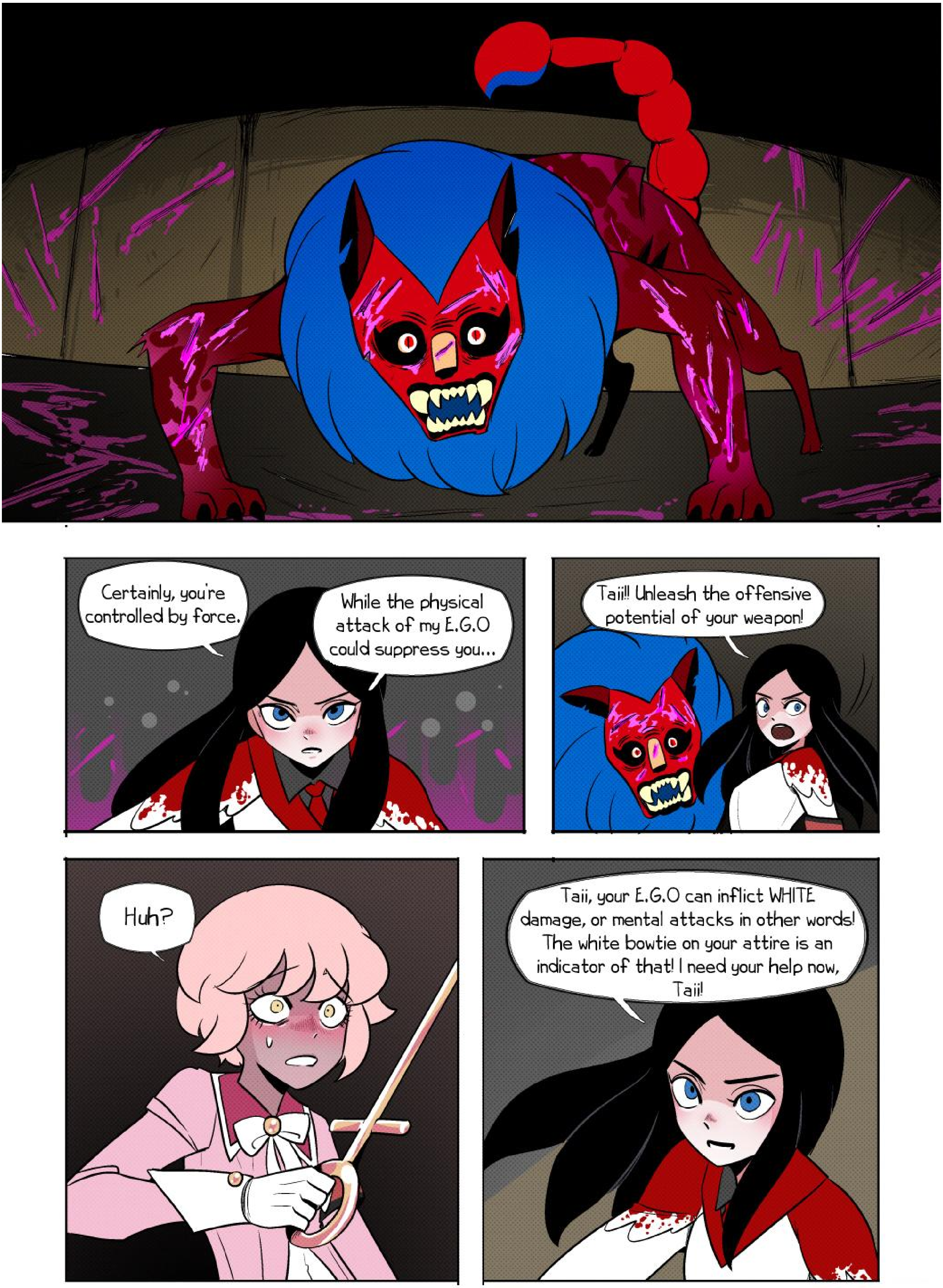
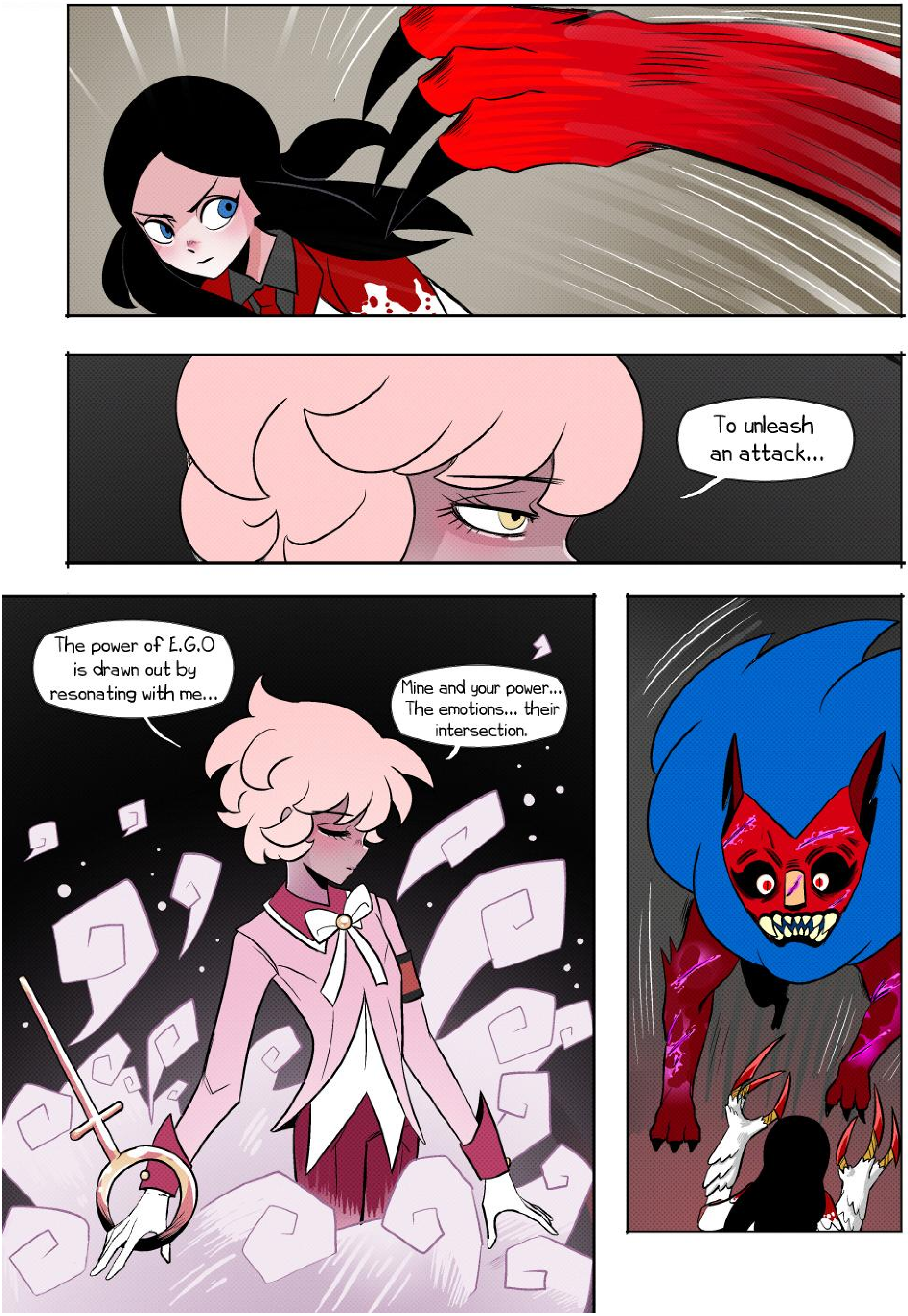
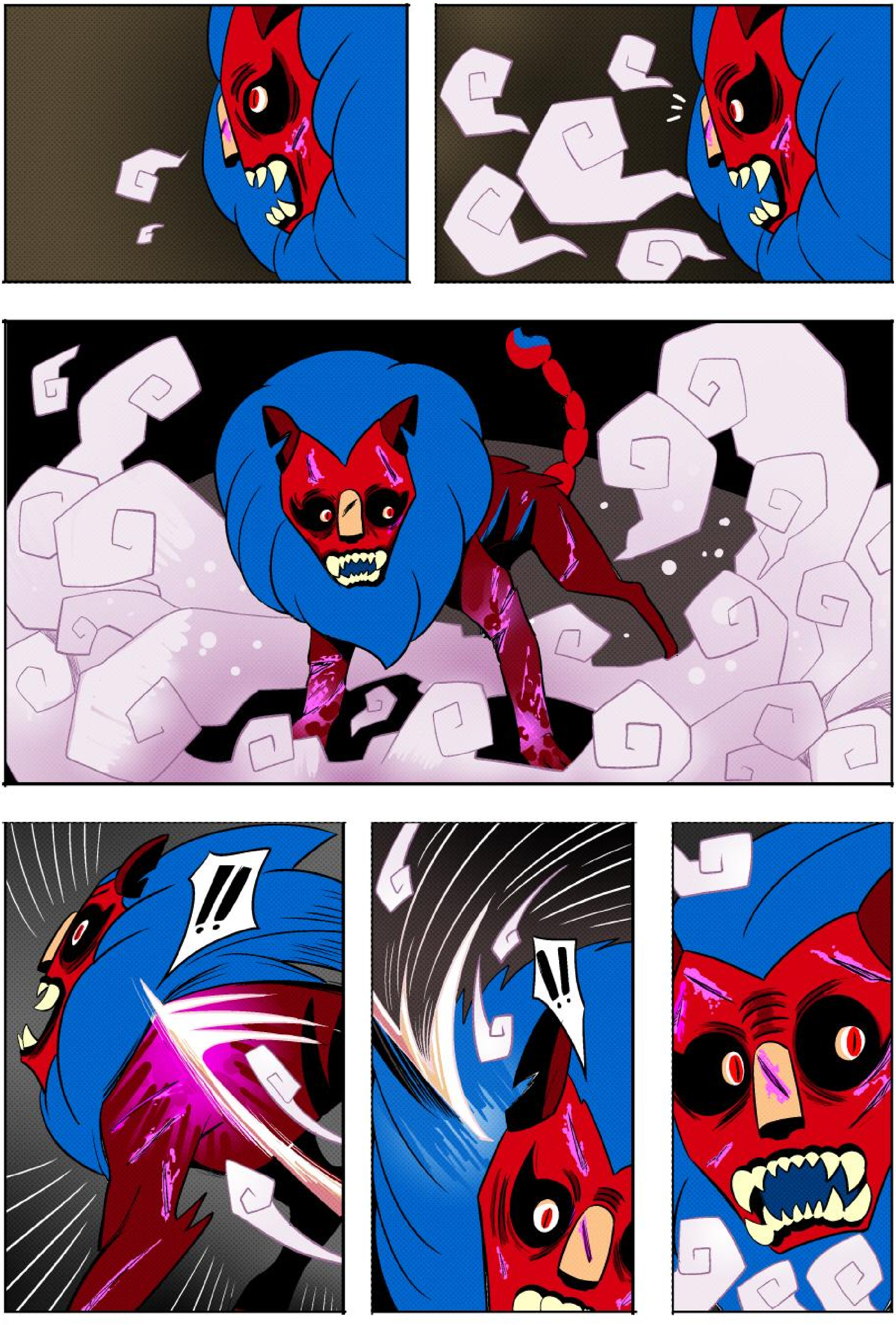
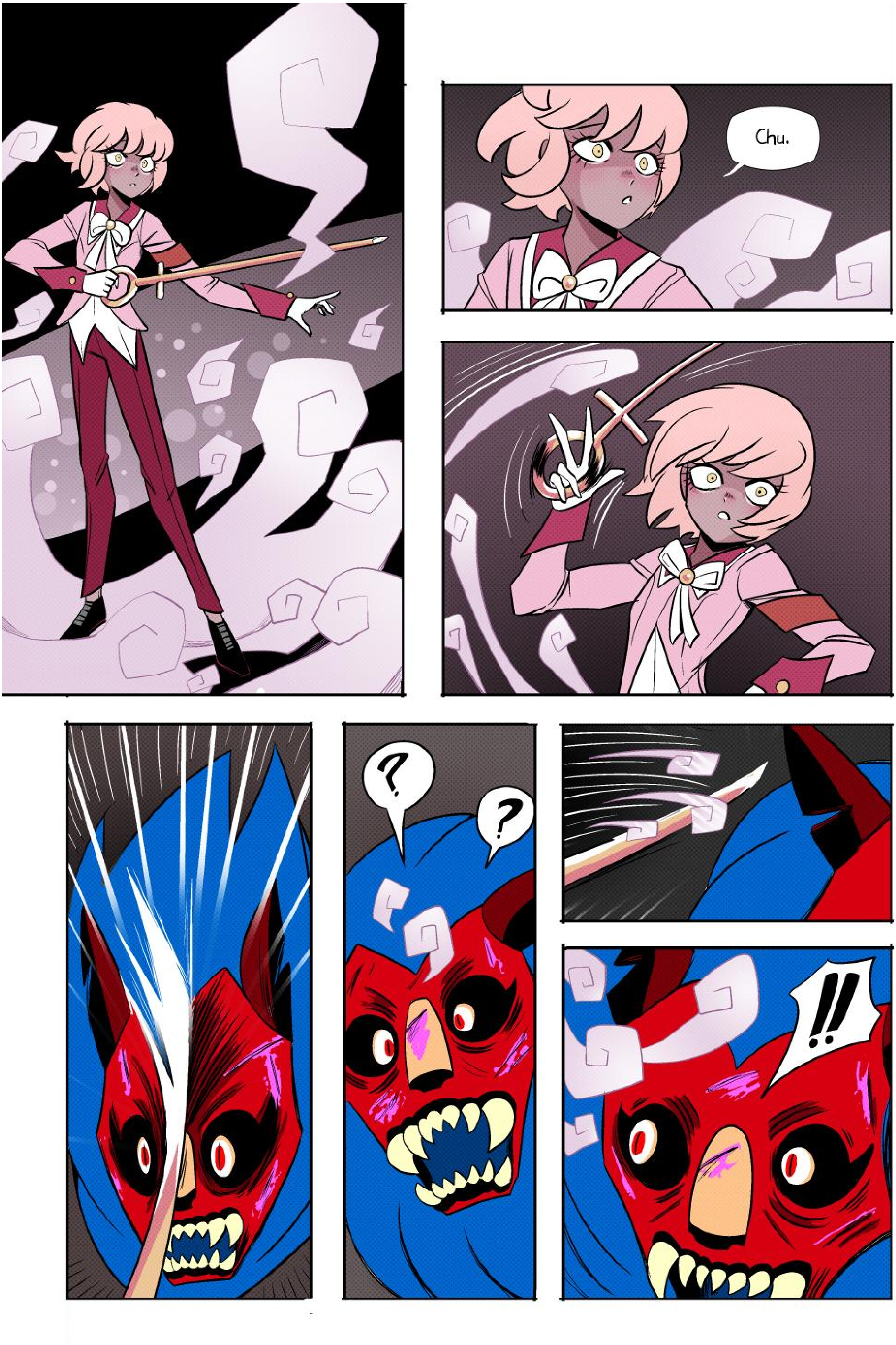

You pounce at others whose backs are turned, and chicken out as you dodge. You're not cut out to be a lion.


Certainly, you're controlled by force.
While the physical attack of my E.G.O could suppress you...
Taii!! Unleash the offensive potential of your weapon!
Huh?
Taii, your E.G.O can inflict WHITE damage, or mental attacks in other words! The white bowtie on your attire is an indicator of that! I need your help now, Taii!


To unleash an attack...
The power of E.G.O is drawn out by resonating with me...
Mine and your power... The emotions... their intersection.

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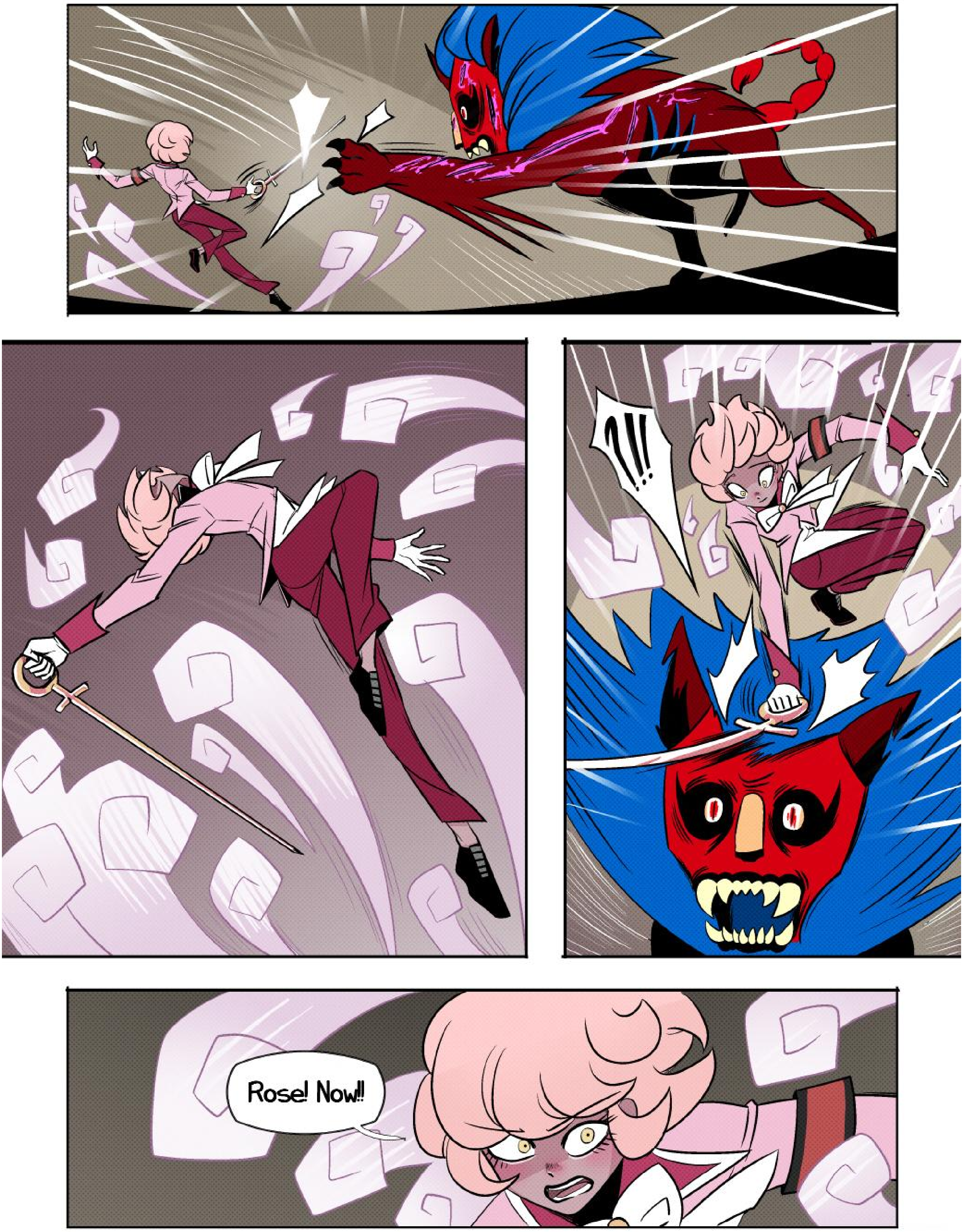
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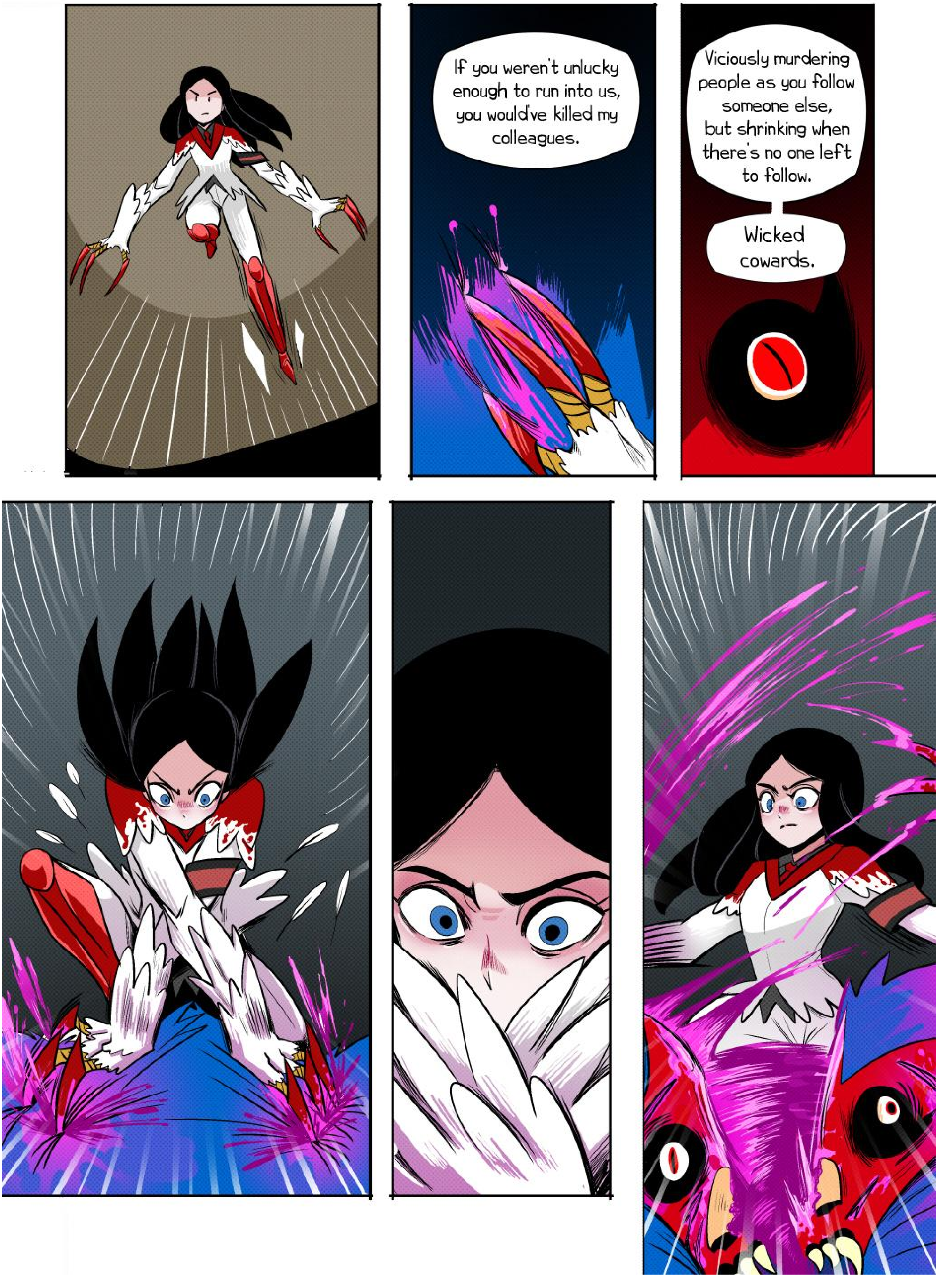
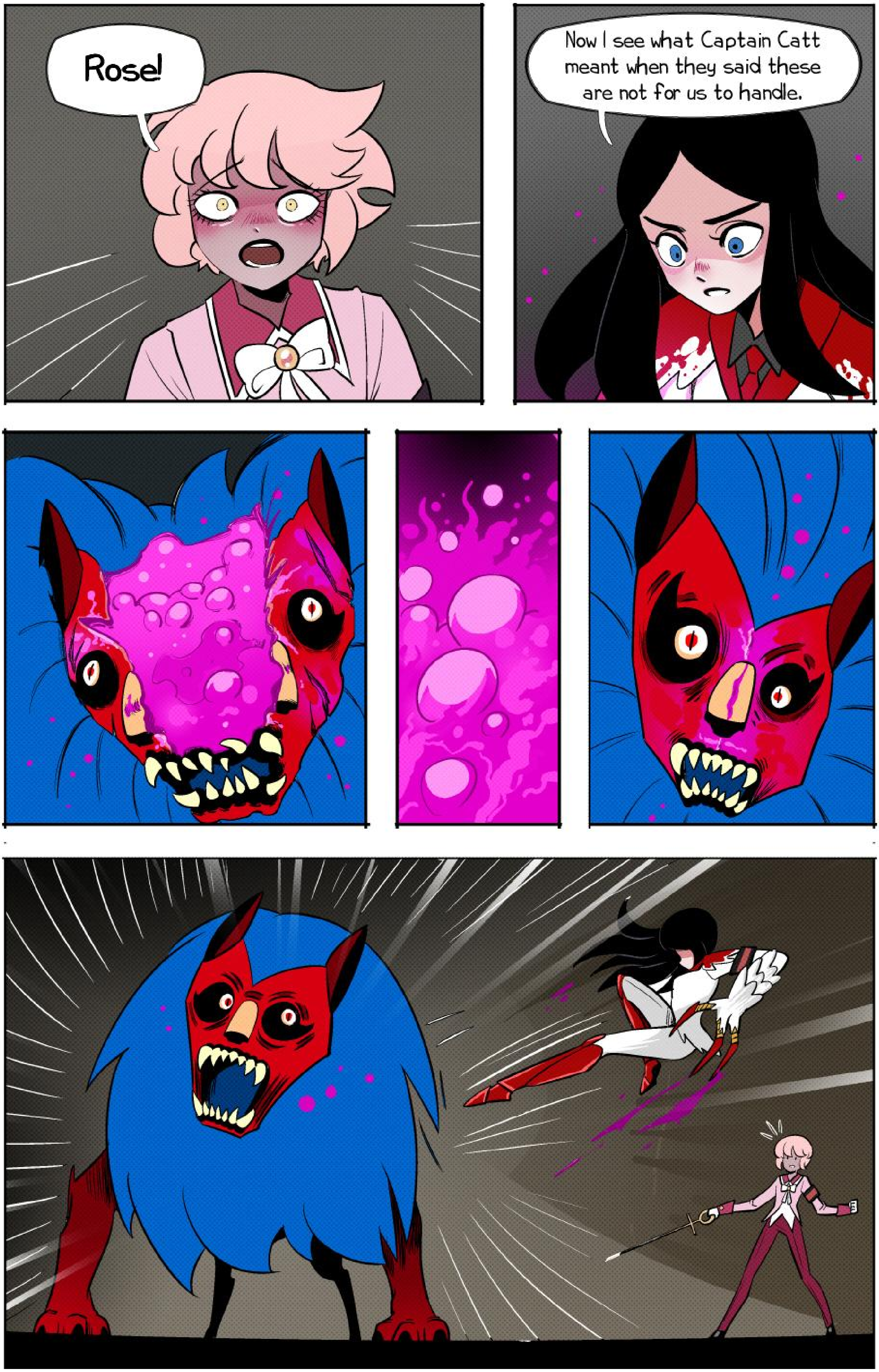
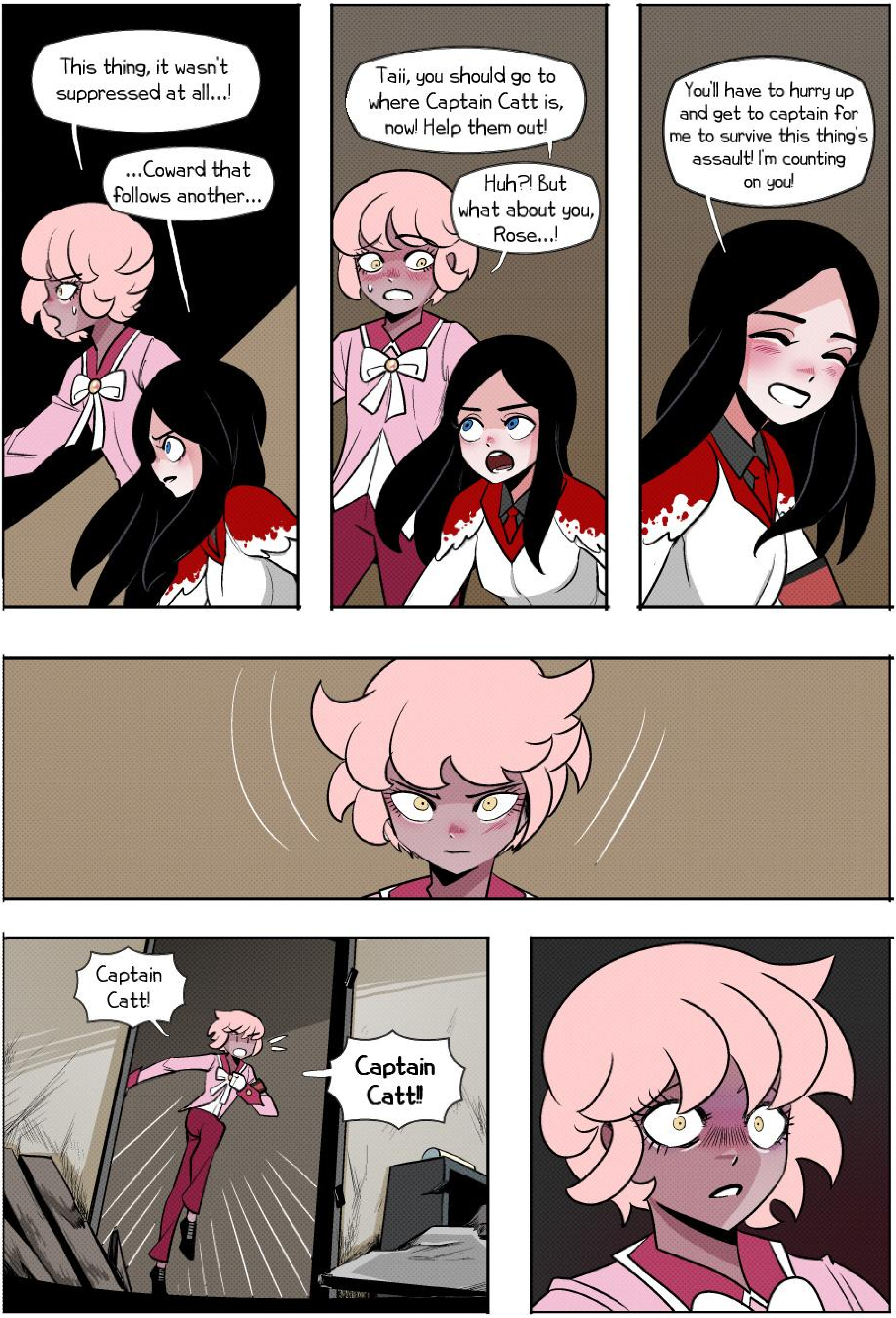
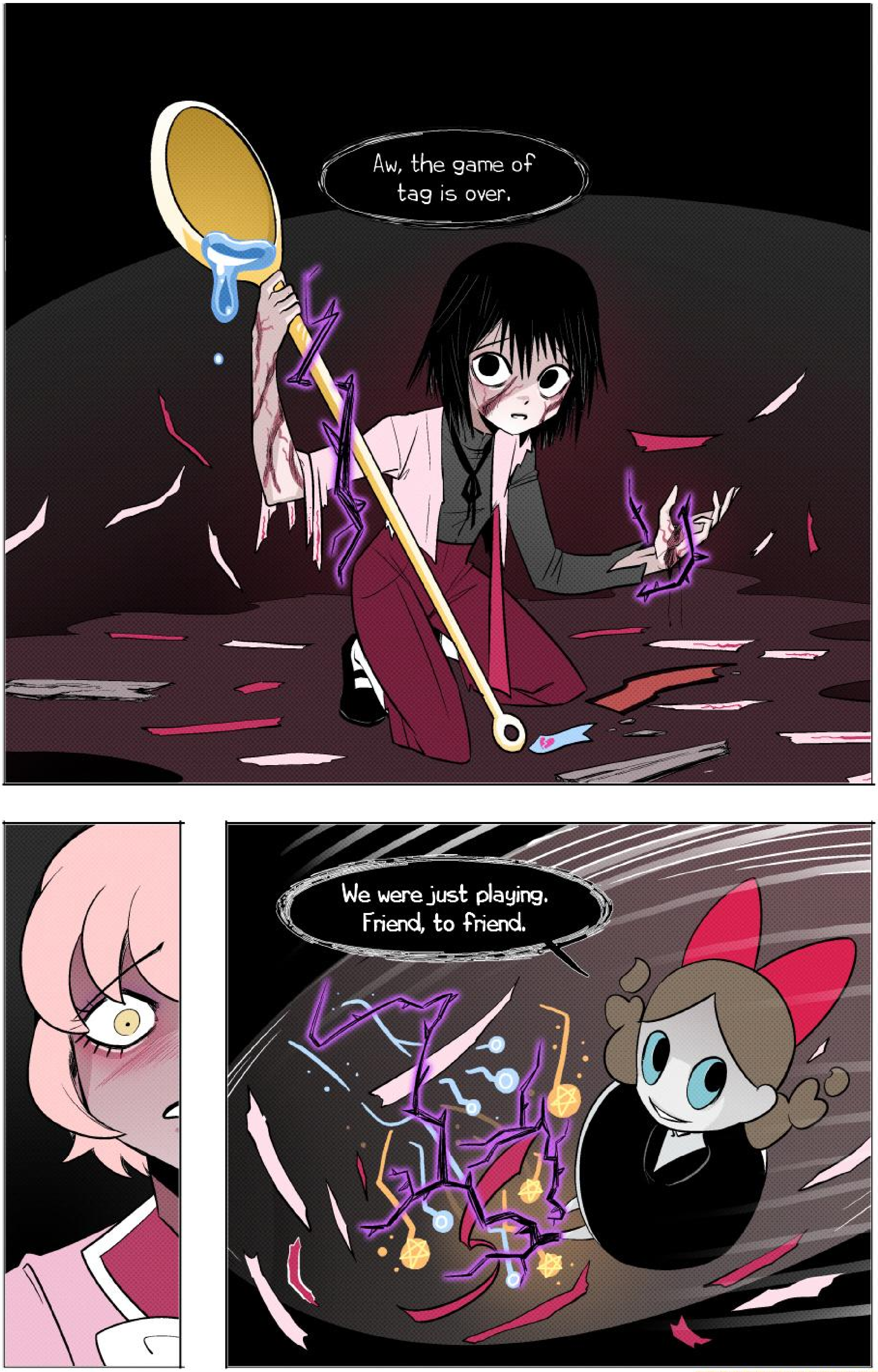
Rose! Now!!


If you weren't unlucky enough to run into us, you would've killed my colleagues.
Viciously murdering people as you follow someone else, but shrinking when there's no one left to follow.
Wicked cowards.


Rose!
Now I see what Captain Catt meant when they said these are not for us to handle.


This thing, it wasn't suppressed at all...!
...Coward that follows another...
Taii, you should go to where Captain Catt is, now! Help them out!
Huh?! But what about you, Rose...!
You'll have to hurry up and get to captain for me to survive this thing's assault! I'm counting on you!
Captain Catt!
Captain Catt!!


Aw, the game of tag is over.
We were just playing. Friend, to friend.

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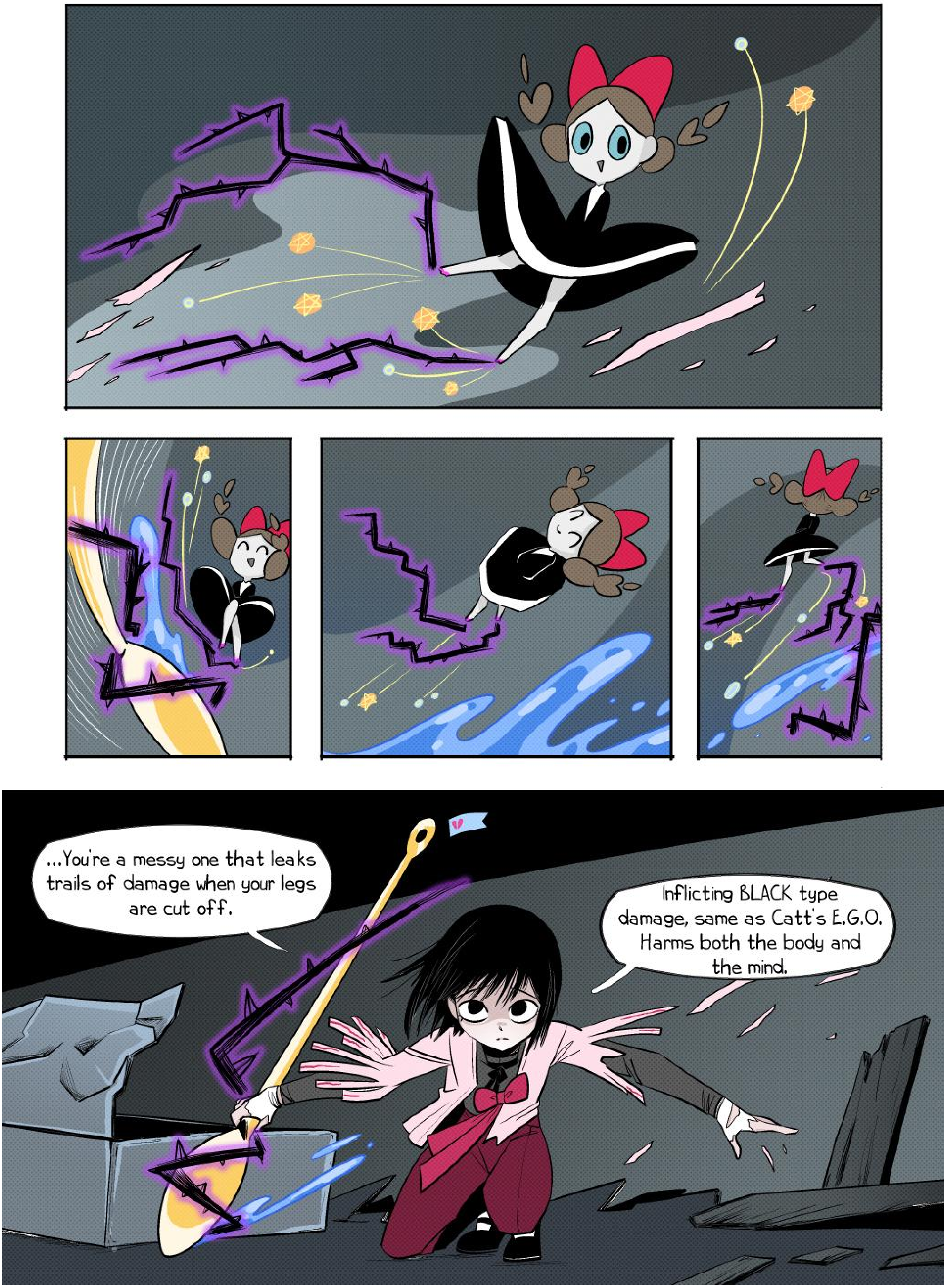
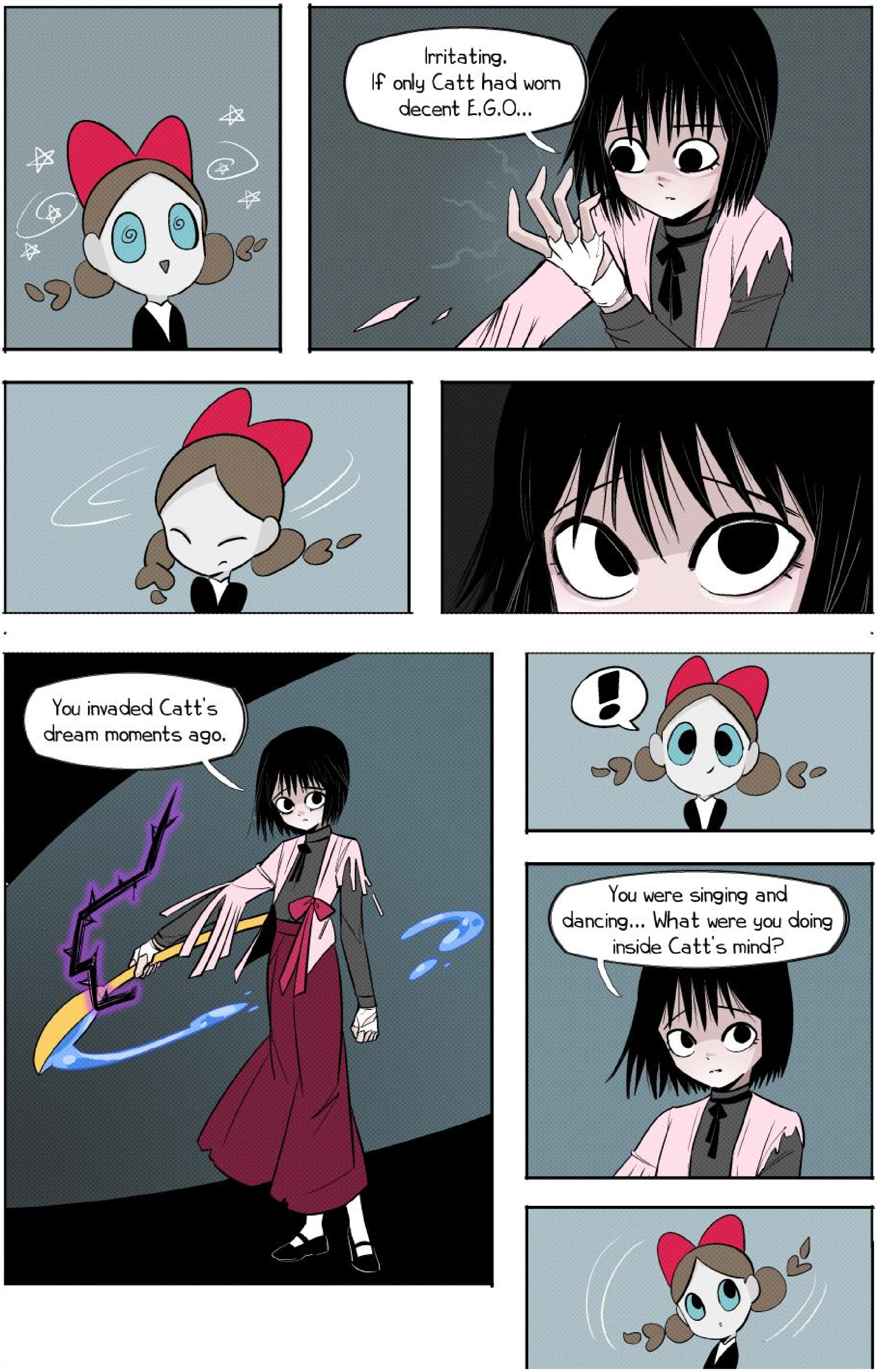

...You're a messy one that leaks trails of damage when your legs are cut off.
Inflicting BLACK type damage, same as Catt's E.G.O. Harms both the body and the mind.


Irritating.
If only Catt had worn decent E.G.O...
You invaded Catt's dream moments ago.
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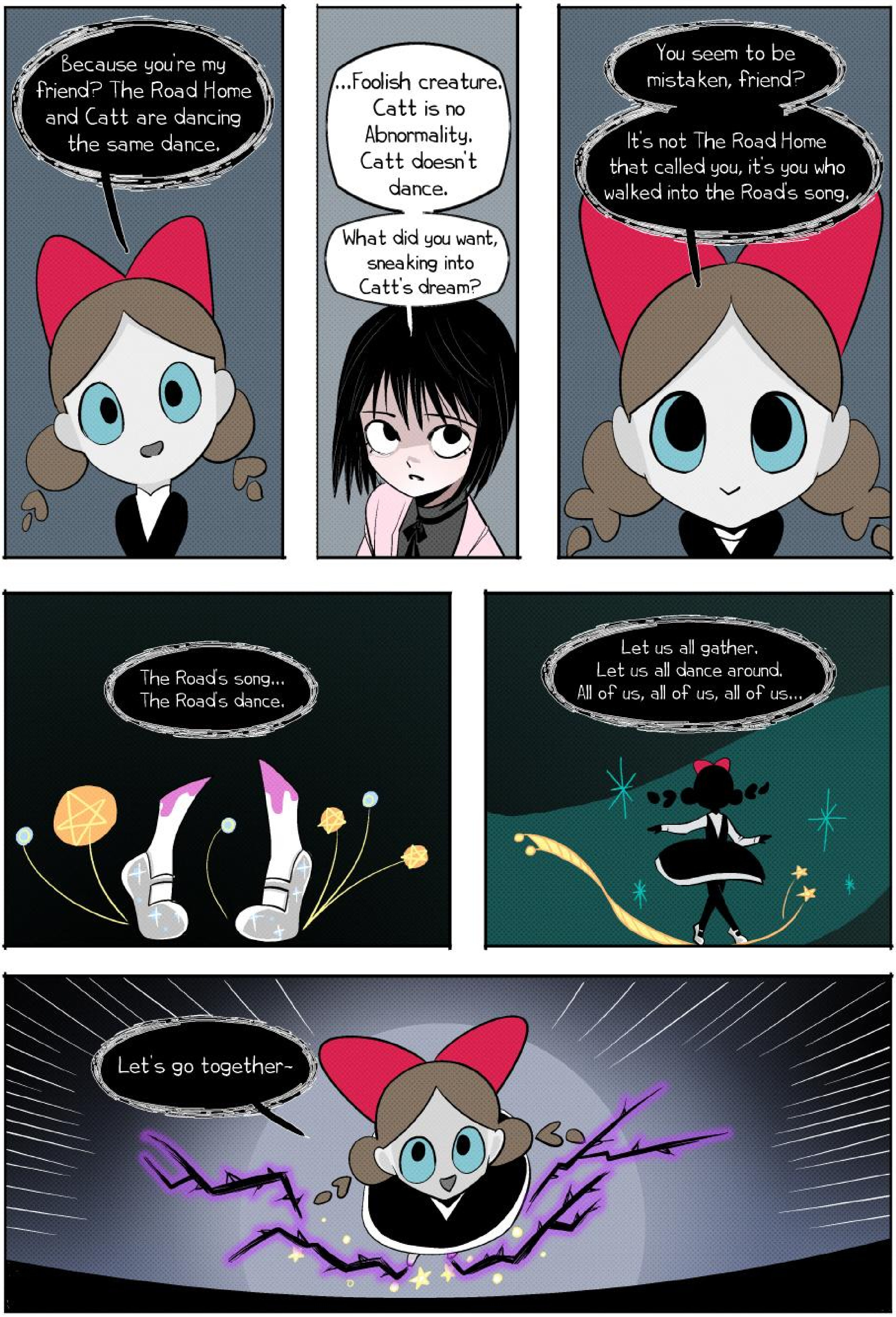
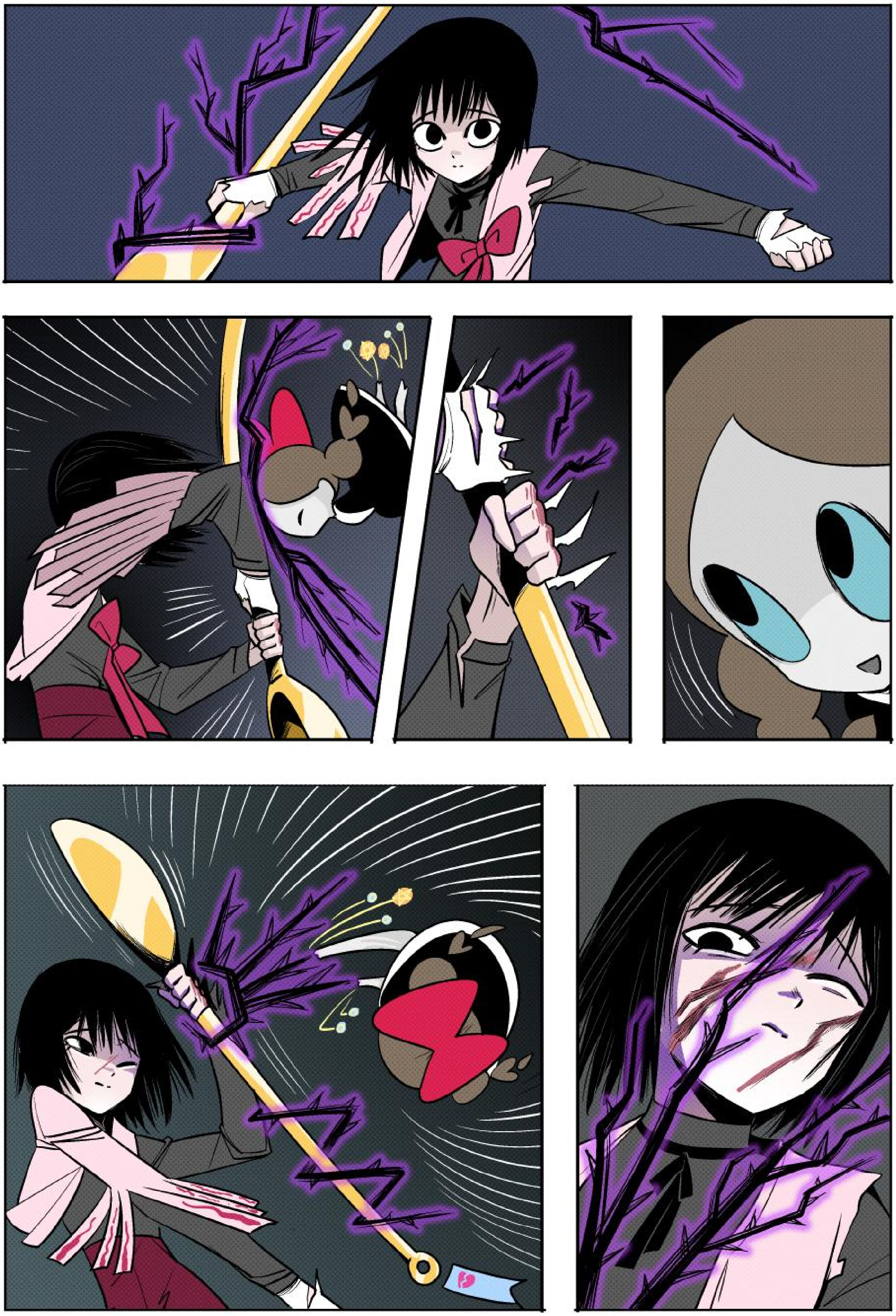
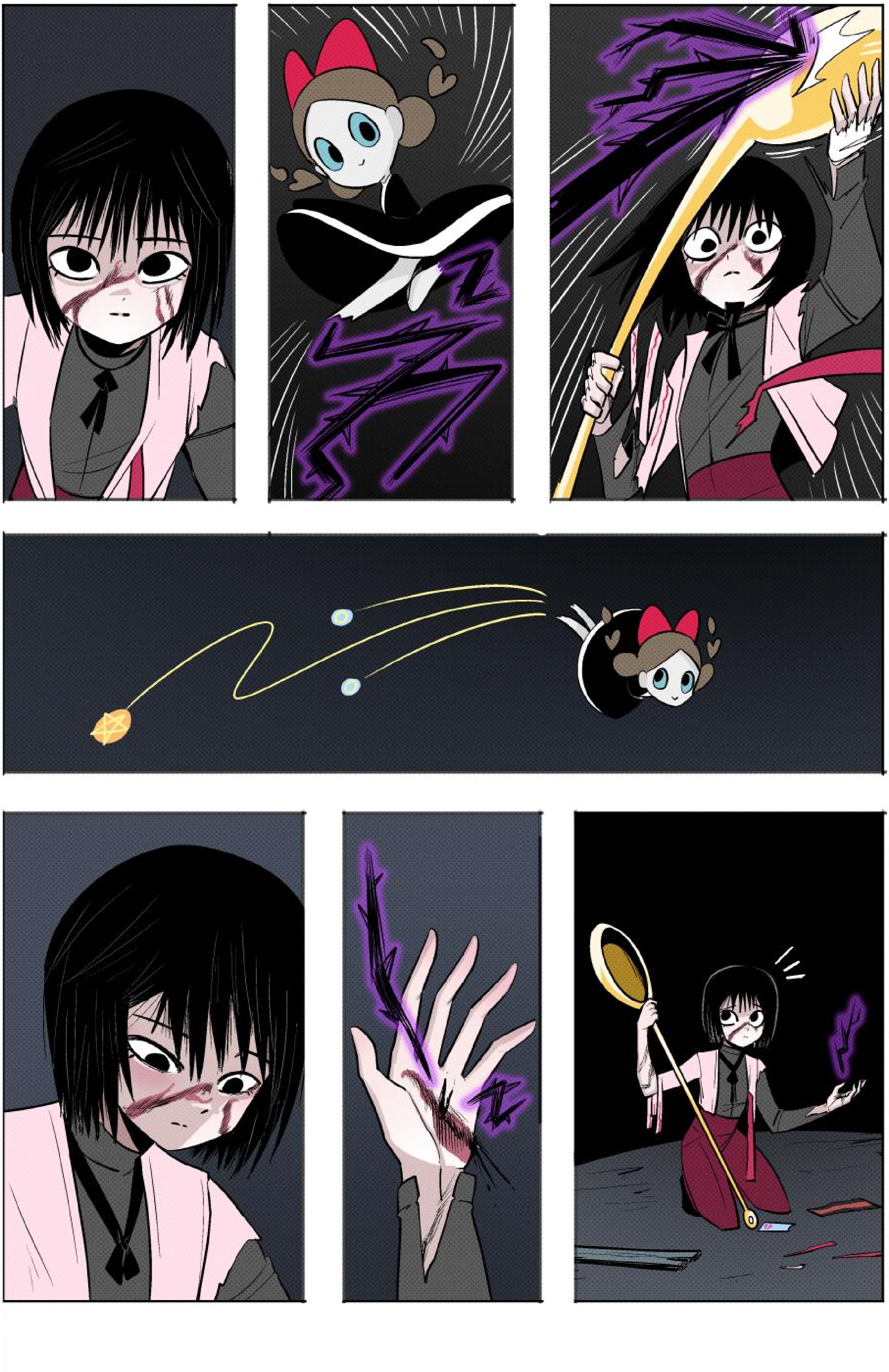
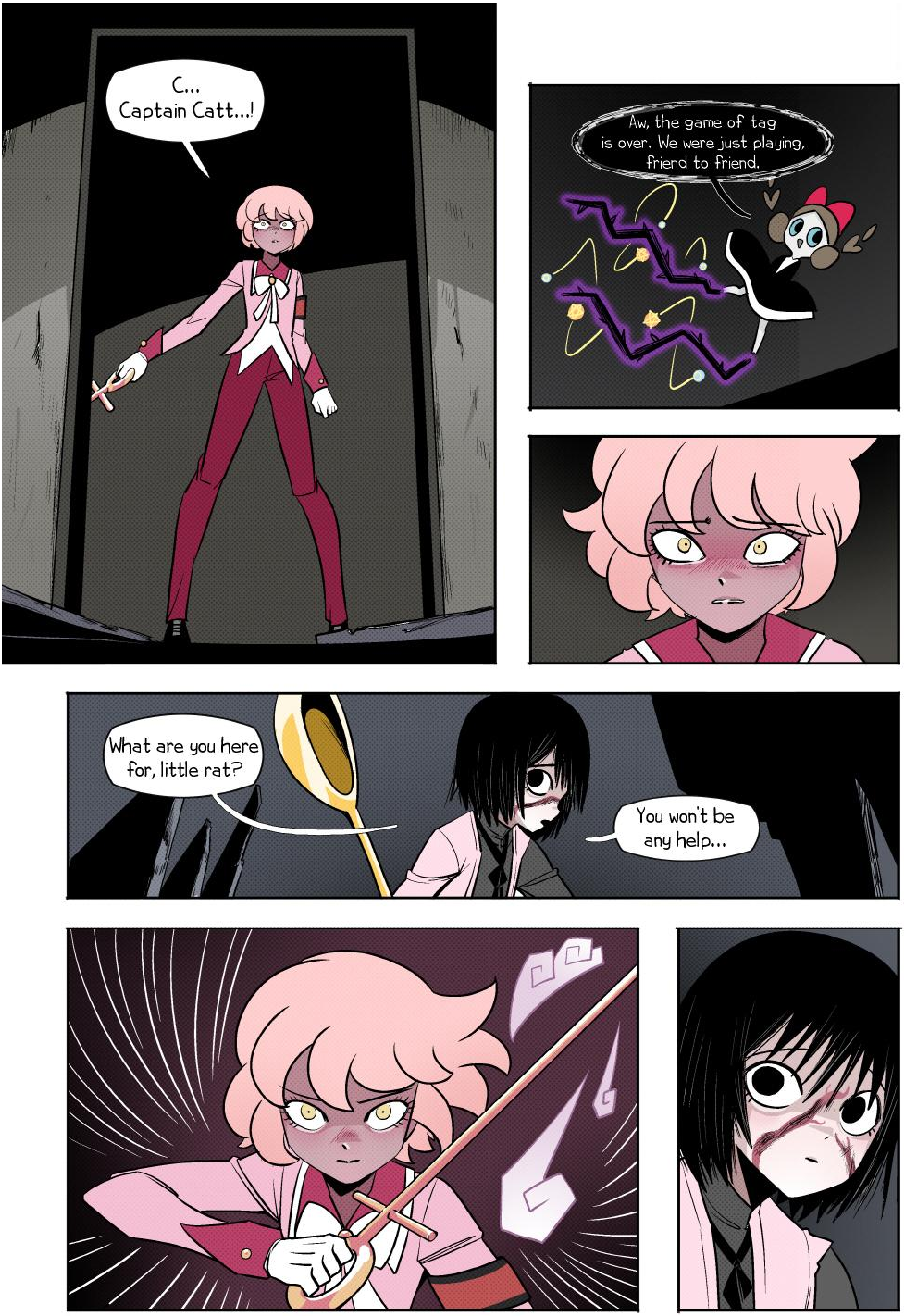
You were singing and dancing... What were you doing inside Catt's mind?


Because you're my friend? The Road Home and Catt are dancing the same dance.
...Foolish creature. Catt is no Abnormality. Catt doesn't dance.
What did you want, sneaking into Catt's dream?
You seem to be mistaken, friend?
It's not The Road Home that called you, it's you who walked into the Road's song.
The Road's song... The Road's dance.
Let us all gather. Let us all dance around. All of us, all of us, all of us...
Let's go together~



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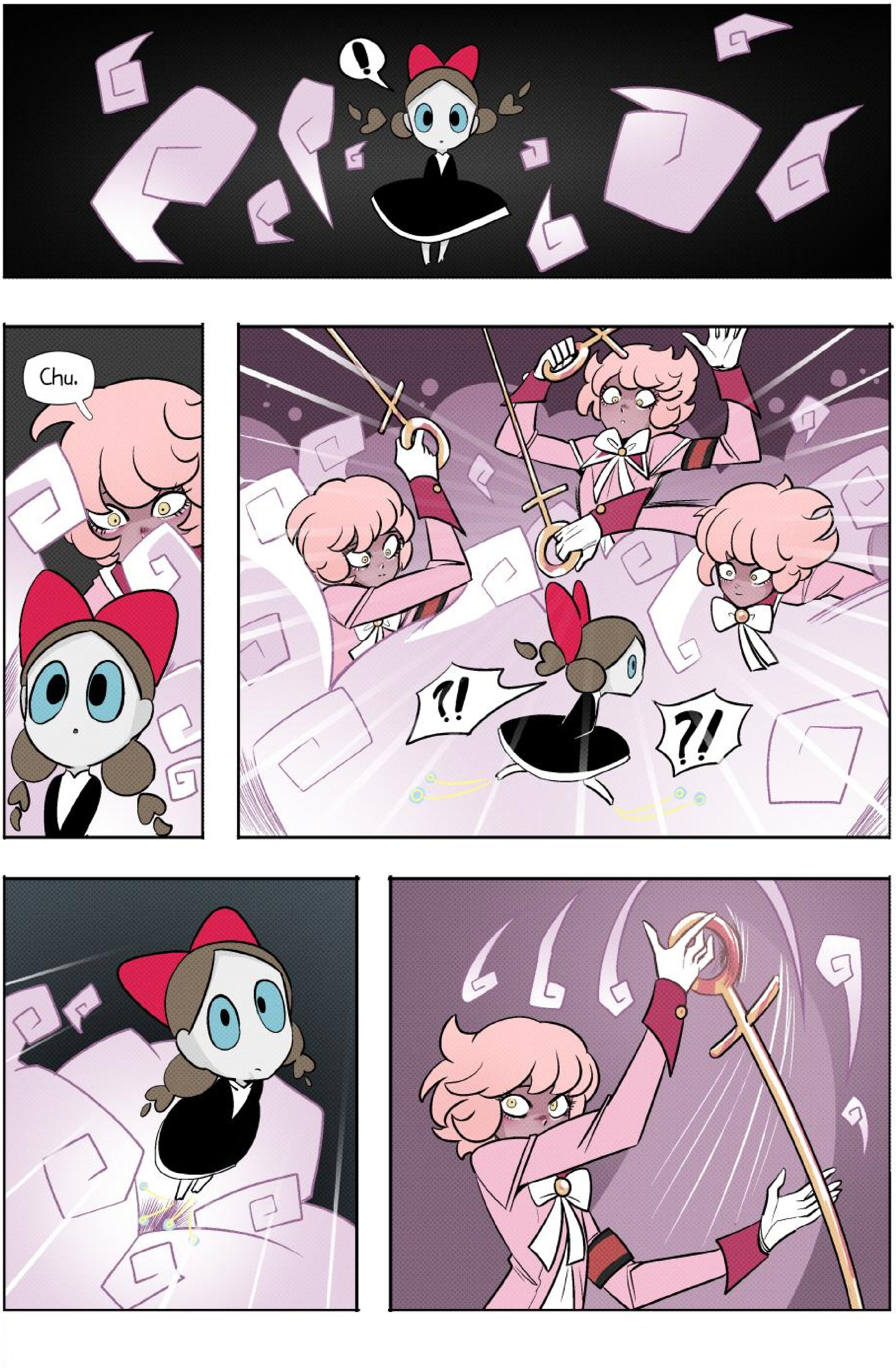
Captain Catt...!
Aw, the game of tag is over. We were just playing, friend to friend.
What are you here for, little rat?
You won't be any help...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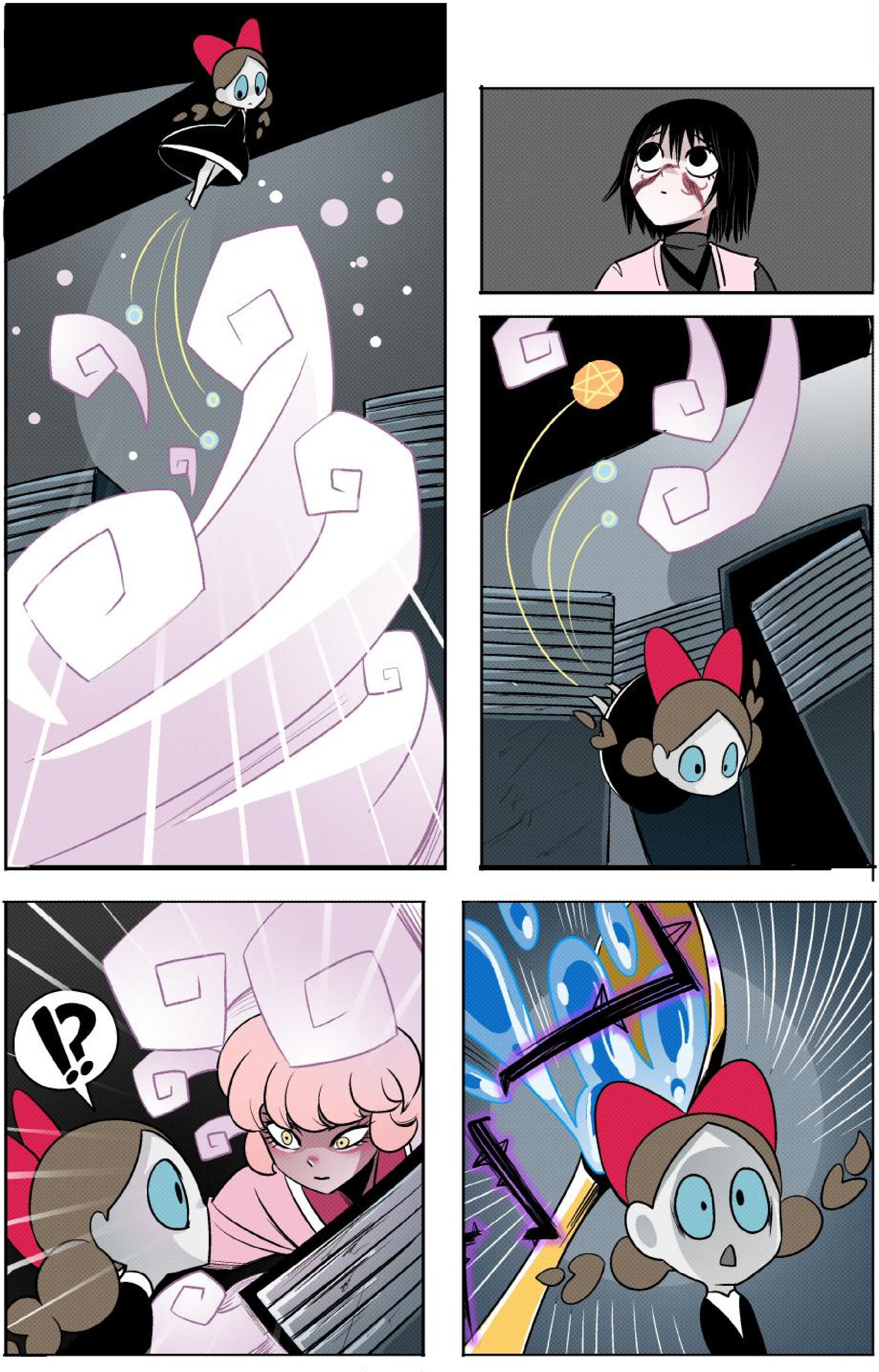

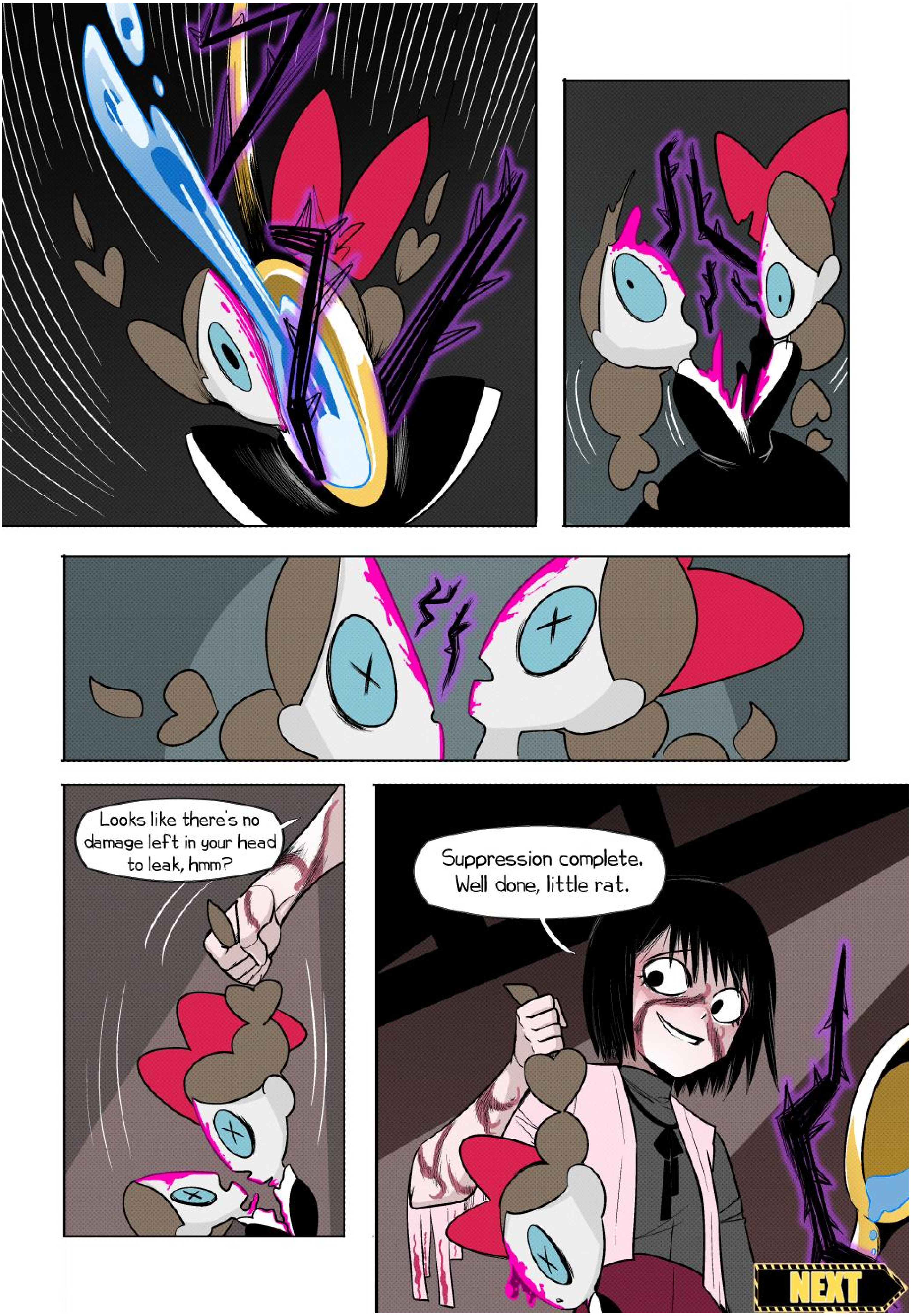
Looks like there's no damage left in your head to leak, hmm?
Suppression complete. Well done, little rat.
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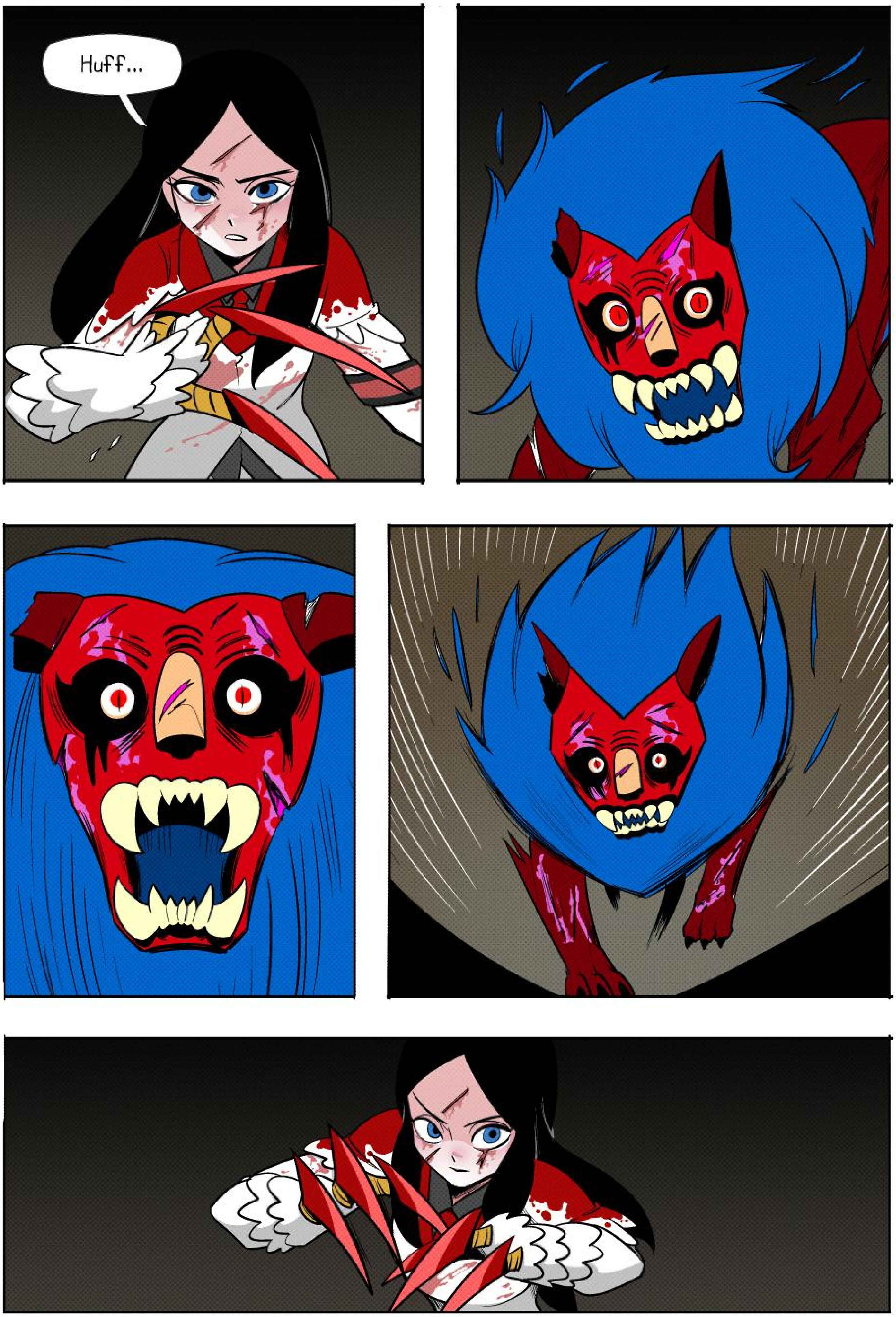
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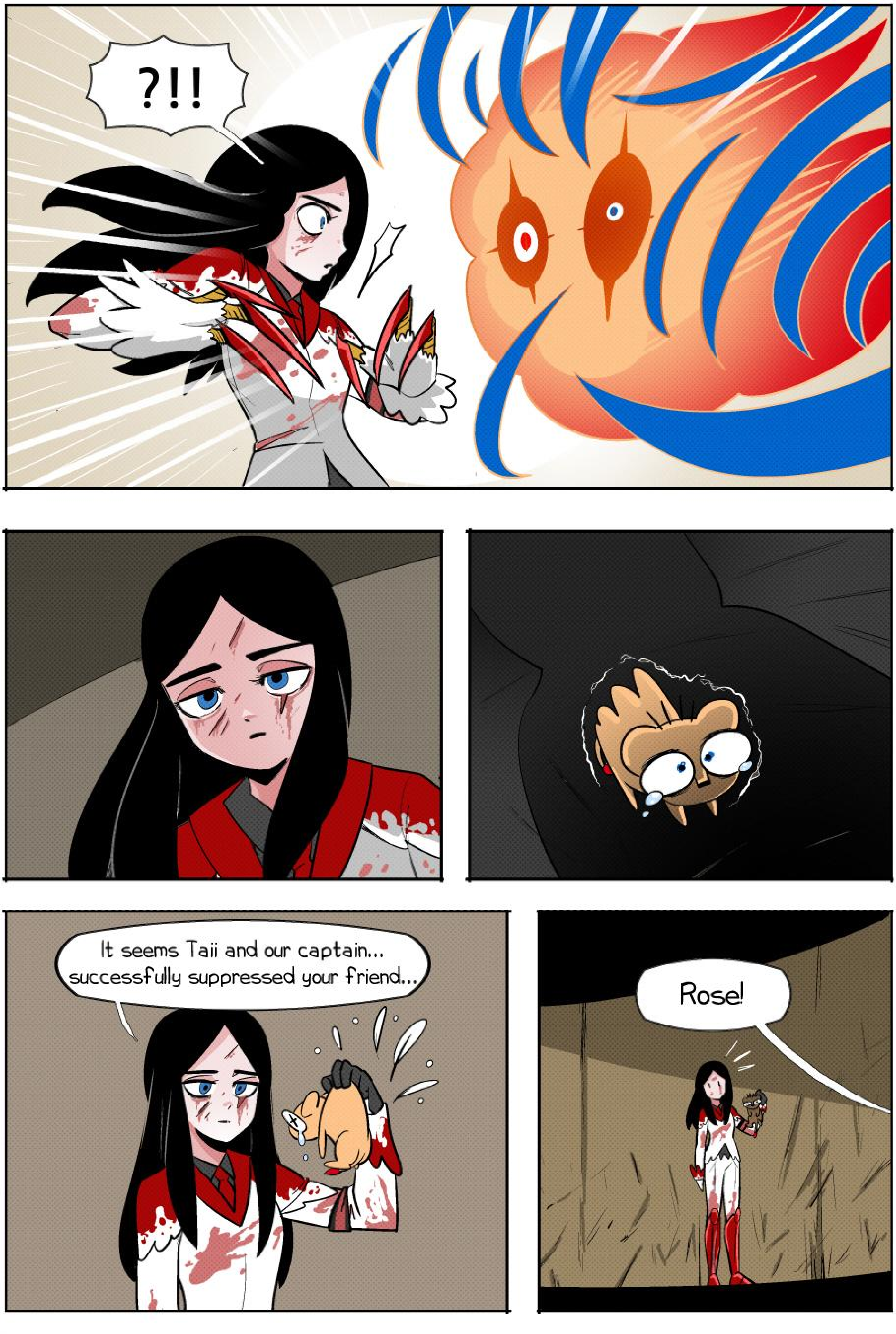
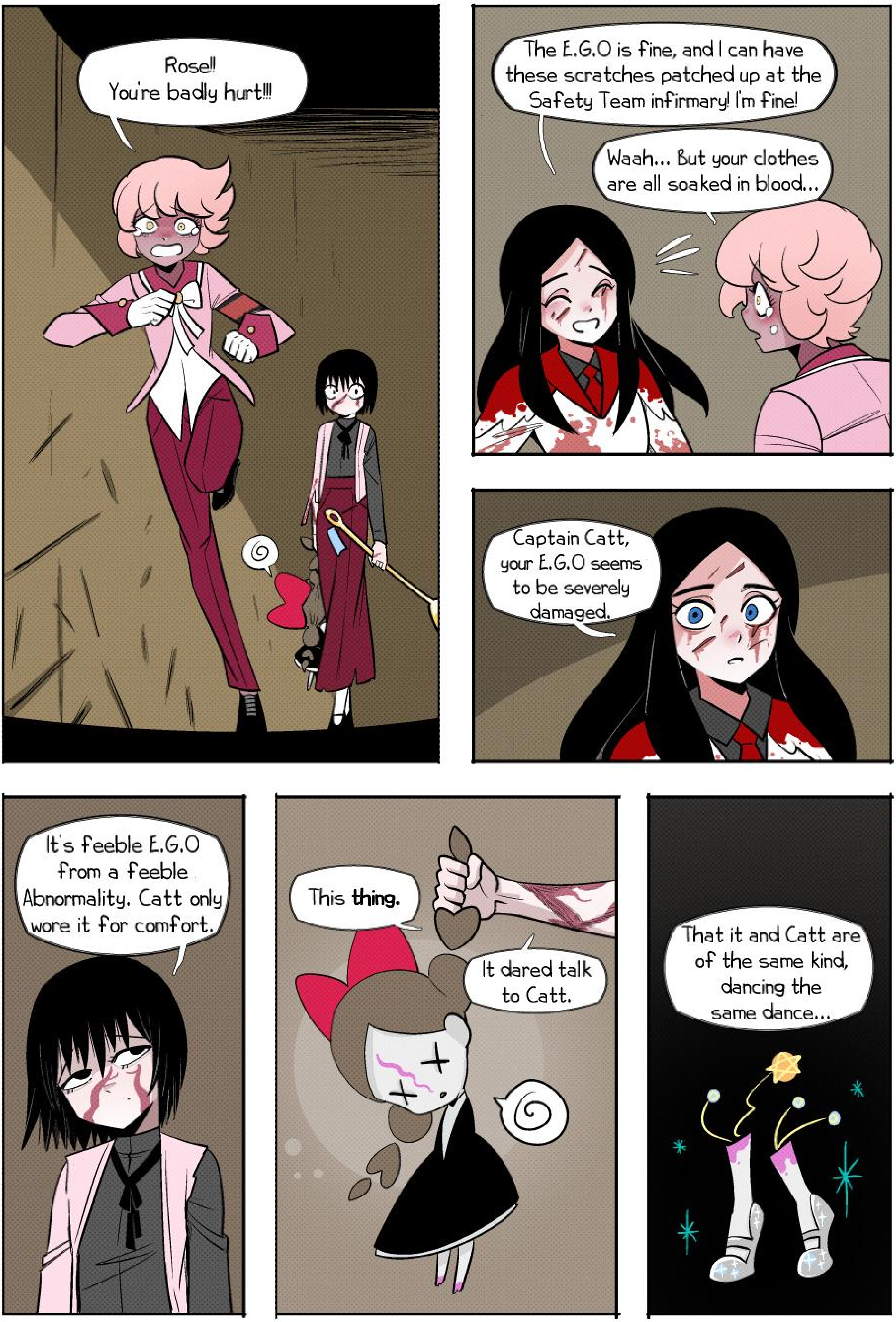
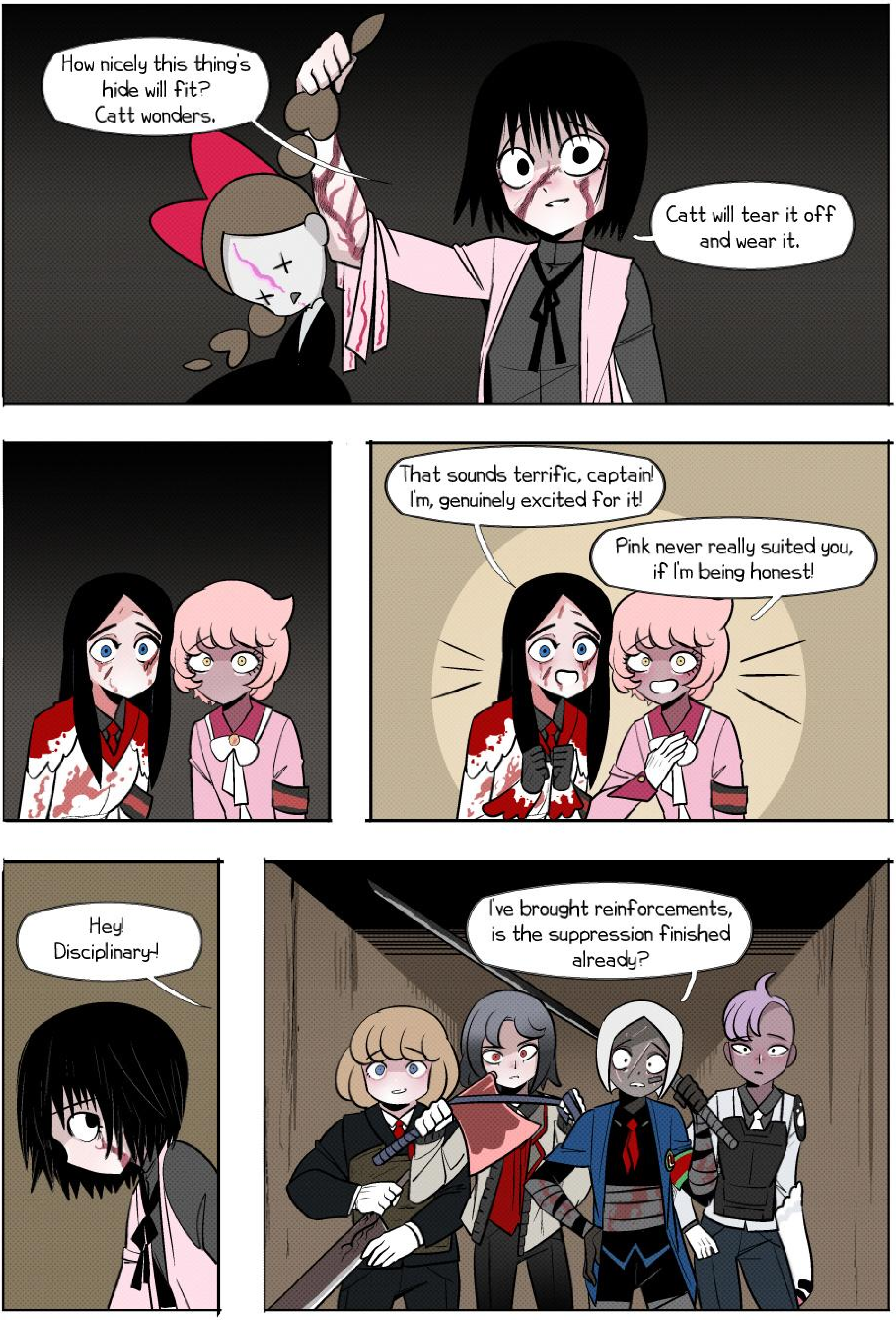
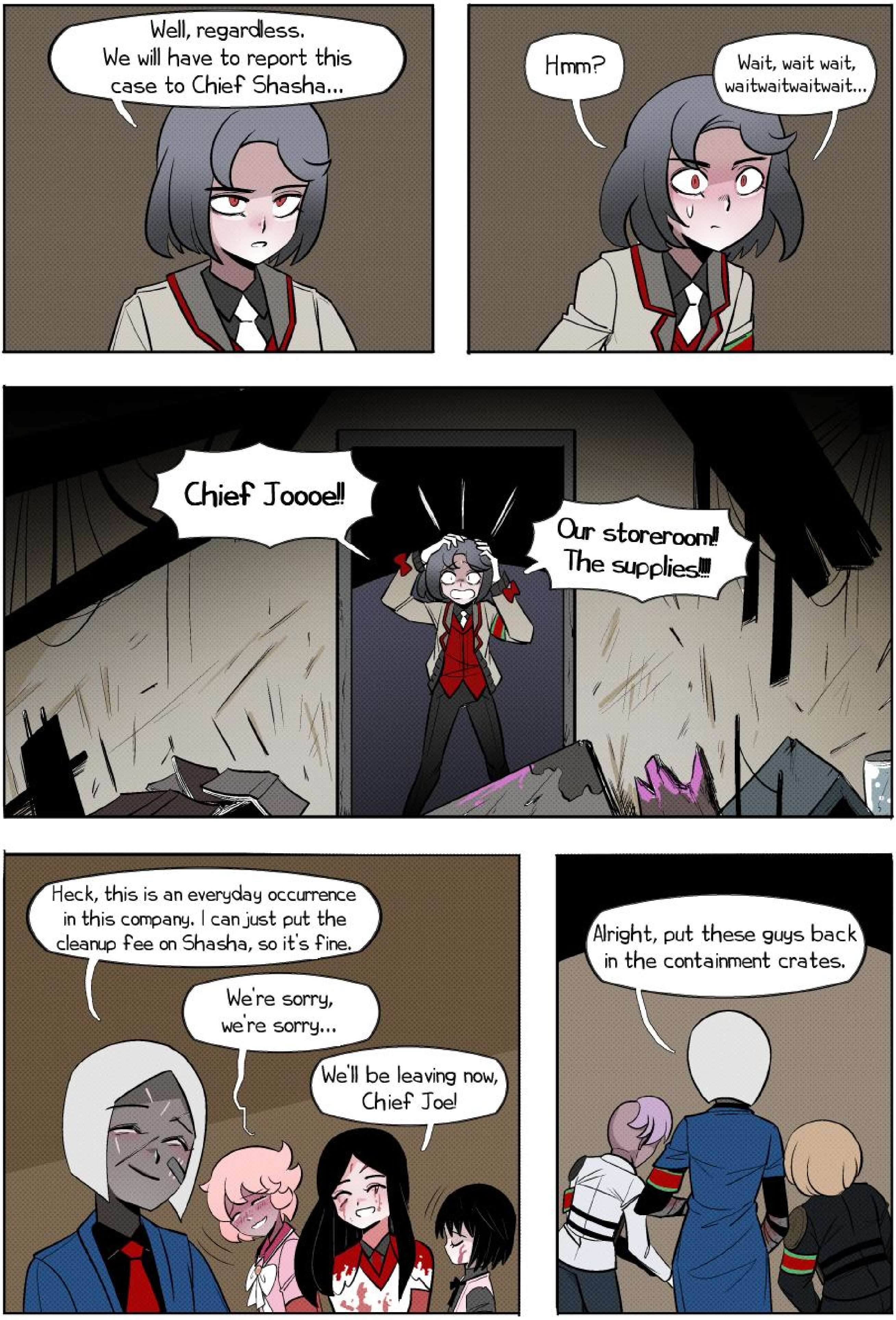
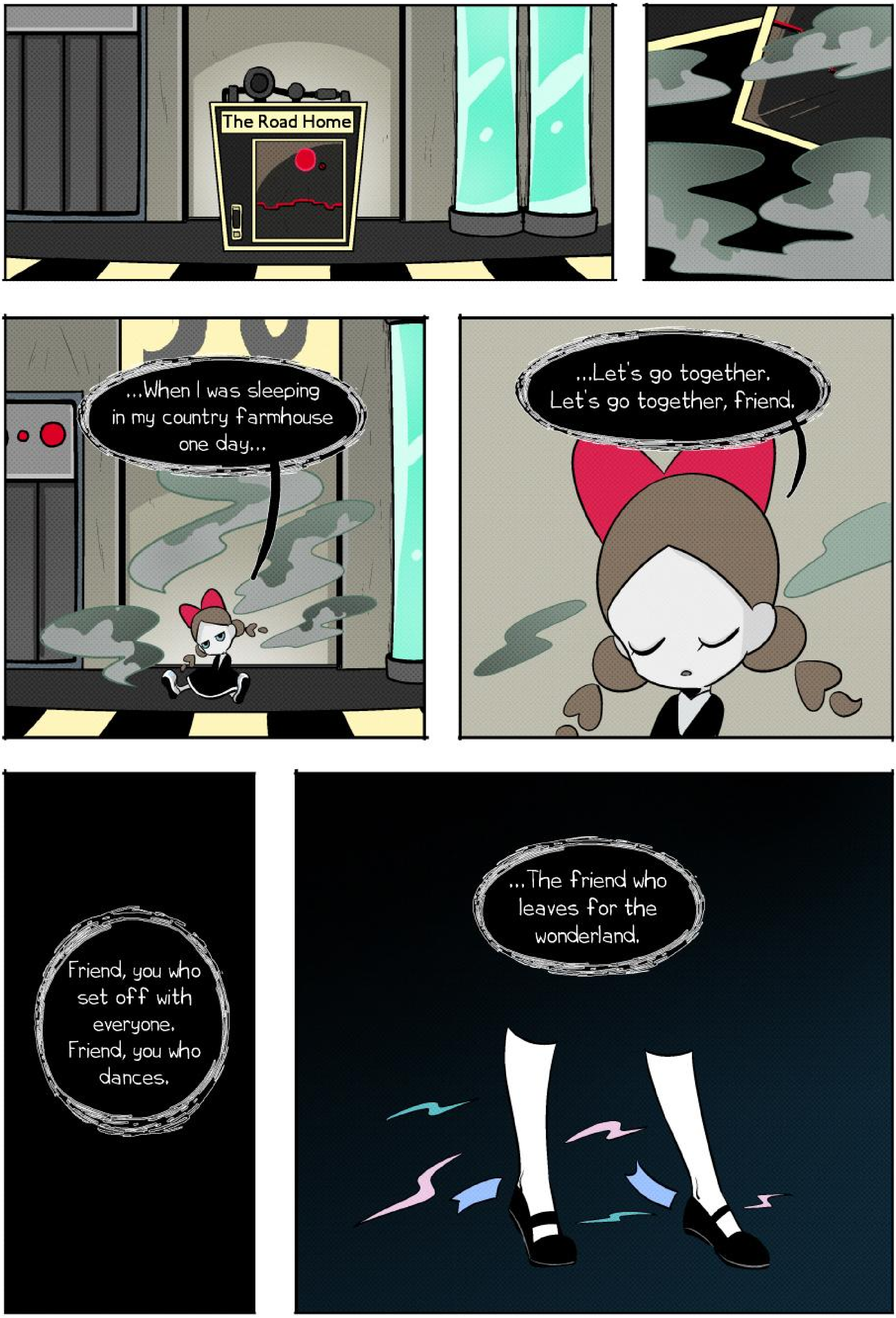
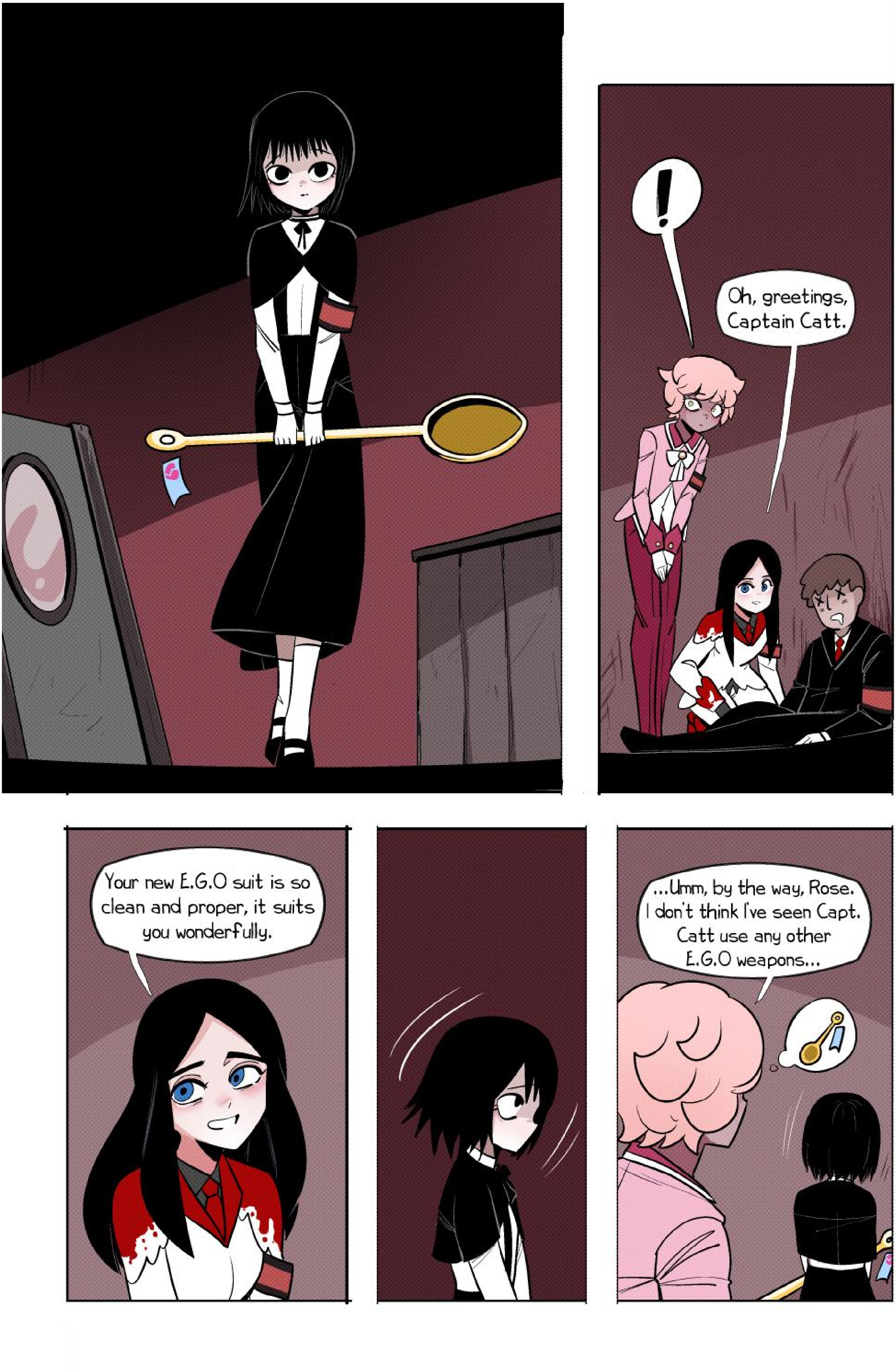

?!!
It seems Taii and our captain... successfully suppressed your friend...
Rose!


Rose!!
You're badly hurt!!!
The E.G.O is fine, and I can have these scratches patched up at the Safety Team infirmary! I'm fine!
Waah... But your clothes are all soaked in blood...
Captain Catt, your E.G.O seems to be severely damaged.
It's feeble E.G.O from a feeble Abnormality. Catt only wore it for comfort.
This **thing.**
It dared talk to Catt.
That it and Catt are of the same kind, dancing the same dance...


How nicely this thing's hide will fit? Catt wonders.
Catt will tear it off and wear it.
That sounds terrific, captain! I'm, genuinely excited for it!
Pink never really suited you, if I'm being honest!
Hey! Disciplinary-!
I've brought reinforcements, is the suppression finished already?


Well, regardless. We will have to report this case to Chief Shasha...
Hmm?
Wait, wait wait, waitwaitwaitwait...
Chief Joooe!!
Our storeroom!! The supplies!!!!
Heck, this is an everyday occurrence in this company. I can just put the cleanup fee on Shasha, so it's fine.
We're sorry, we're sorry...
We'll be leaving now, Chief Joe!
Alright, put these guys back in the containment crates.


The Road Home
...When I was sleeping in my country farmhouse one day...
...Let's go together. Let's go together, friend.
Friend, you who set off with everyone. Friend, you who dances.
...The friend who leaves for the wonderland.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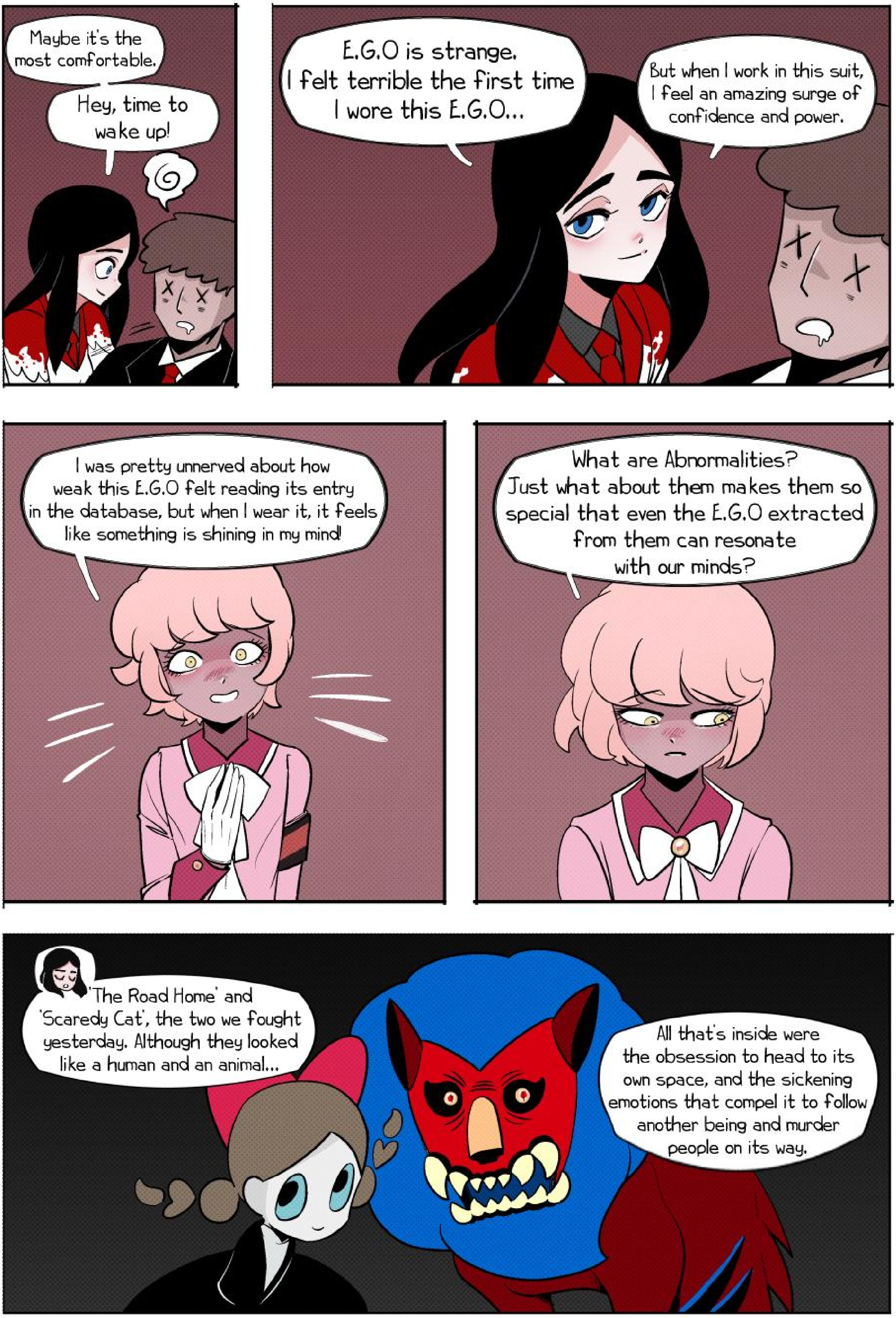
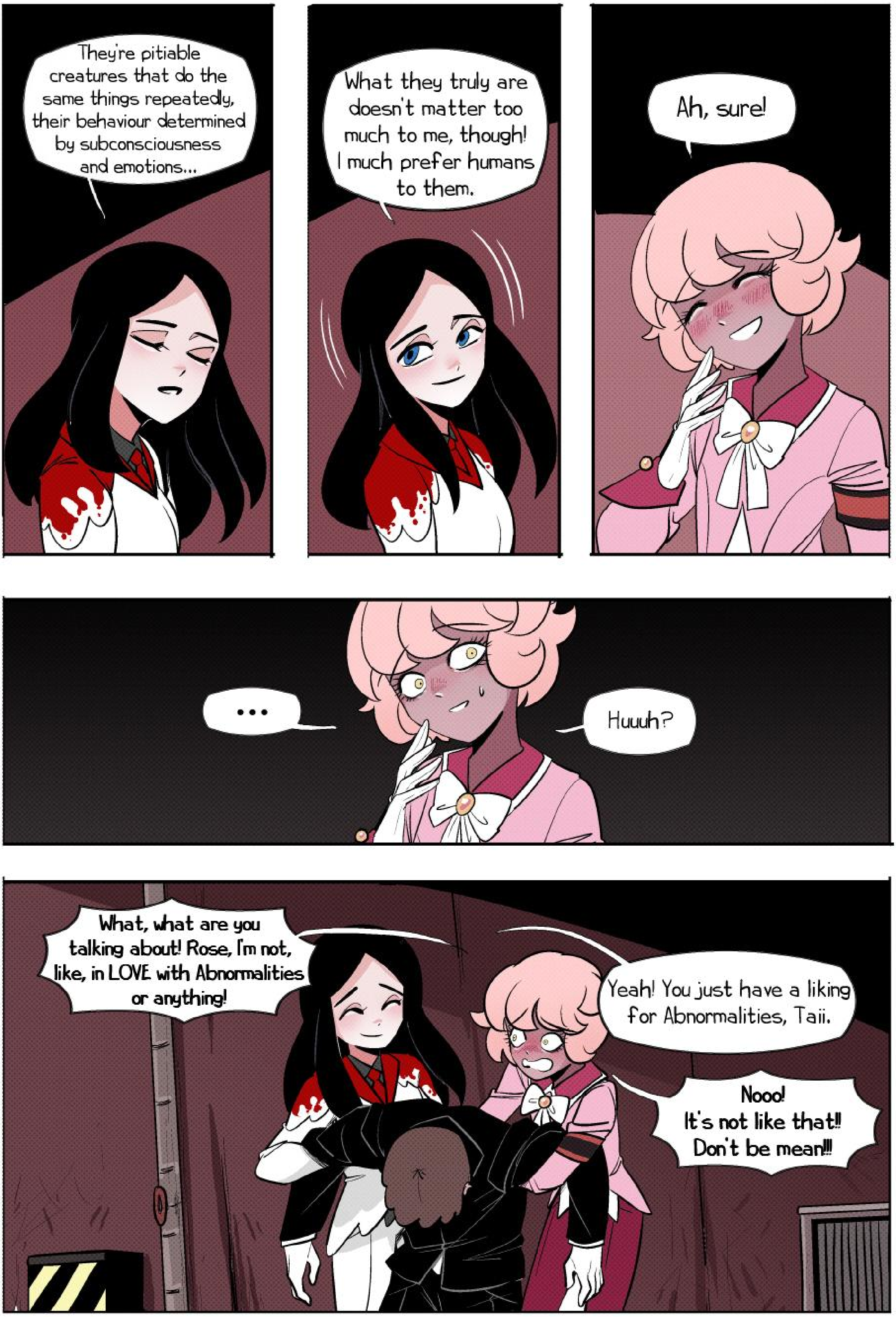
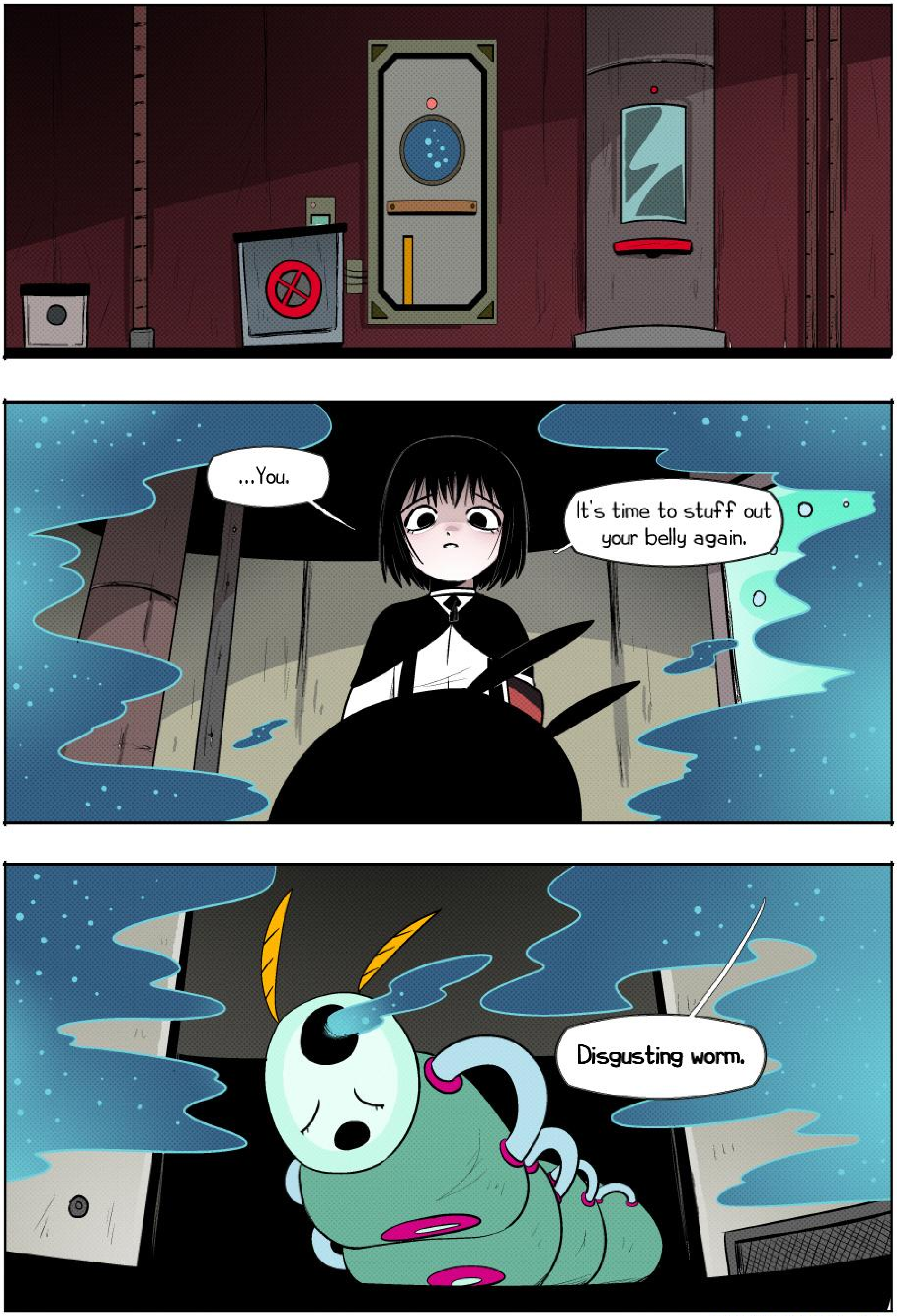
Oh, greetings, Captain Catt.
Your new E.G.O suit is so clean and proper, it suits you wonderfully.
...Umm, by the way, Rose. I don't think I've seen Capt. Catt use any other E.G.O weapons...


Maybe it's the most comfortable.
Hey, time to wake up!
E.G.O is strange. I felt terrible the first time I wore this E.G.O...
But when I work in this suit, I feel an amazing surge of confidence and power.
I was pretty unnerved about how weak this E.G.O felt reading its entry in the database, but when I wear it, it feels like something is shining in my mind!
What are Abnormalities? Just what about them makes them so special that even the E.G.O extracted from them can resonate with our minds?
'The Road Home' and 'Scaredy Cat', the two we fought yesterday. Although they looked like a human and an animal...
All that's inside were the obsession to head to its own space, and the sickening emotions that compel it to follow another being and murder people on its way.


They're pitiable creatures that do the same things repeatedly, their behaviour determined by subconsciousness and emotions...
What they truly are doesn't matter too much to me, though! I much prefer humans to them.
Ah, sure!
...
Huuuh?
What, what are you talking about! Rose, I'm not, like, in LOVE with Abnormalities or anything!
Yeah! You just have a liking for Abnormalities, Taii.
Nooo! It's not like that!! Don't be mean!!!


...You.
It's time to stuff out your belly again.
Disgusting worm.

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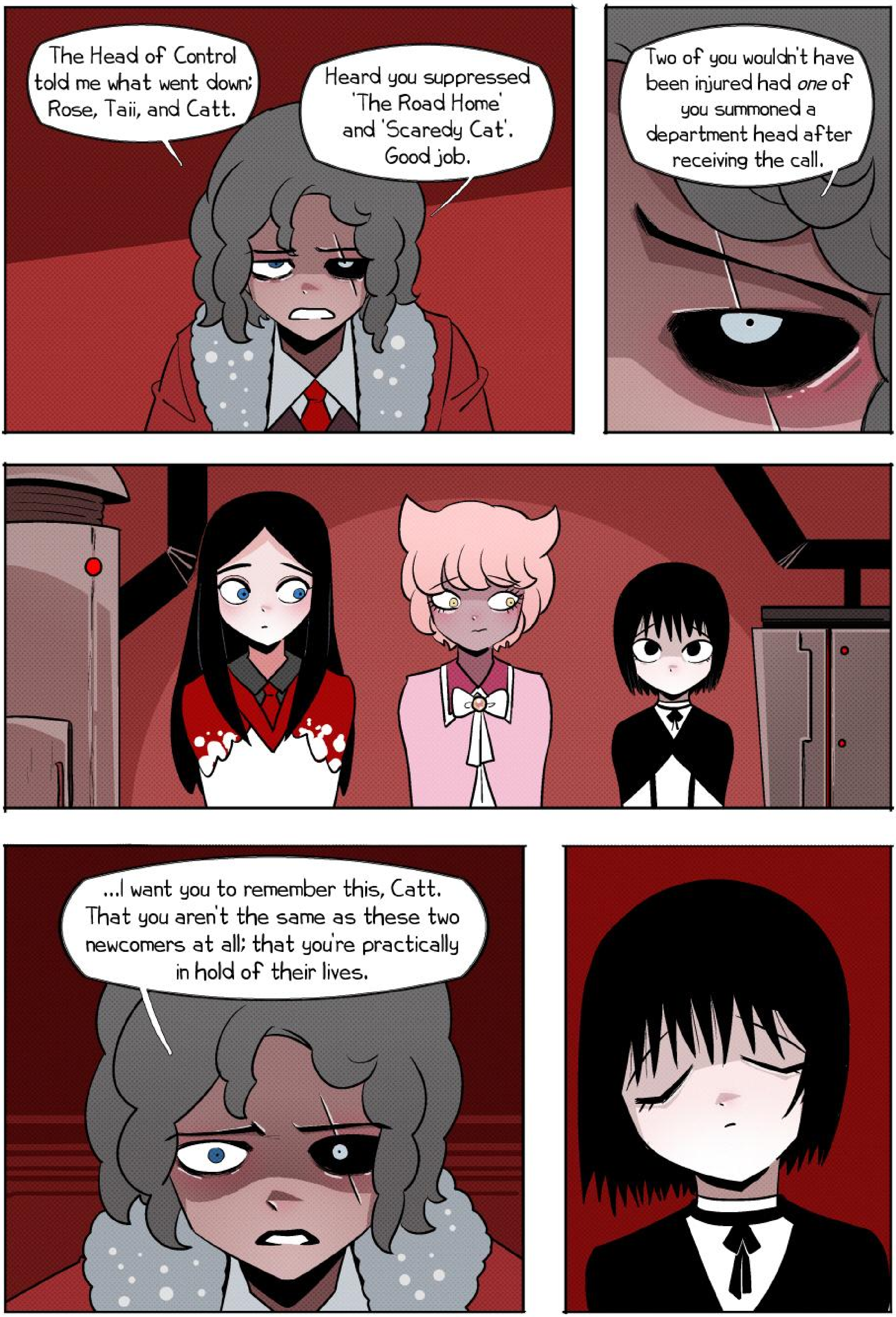
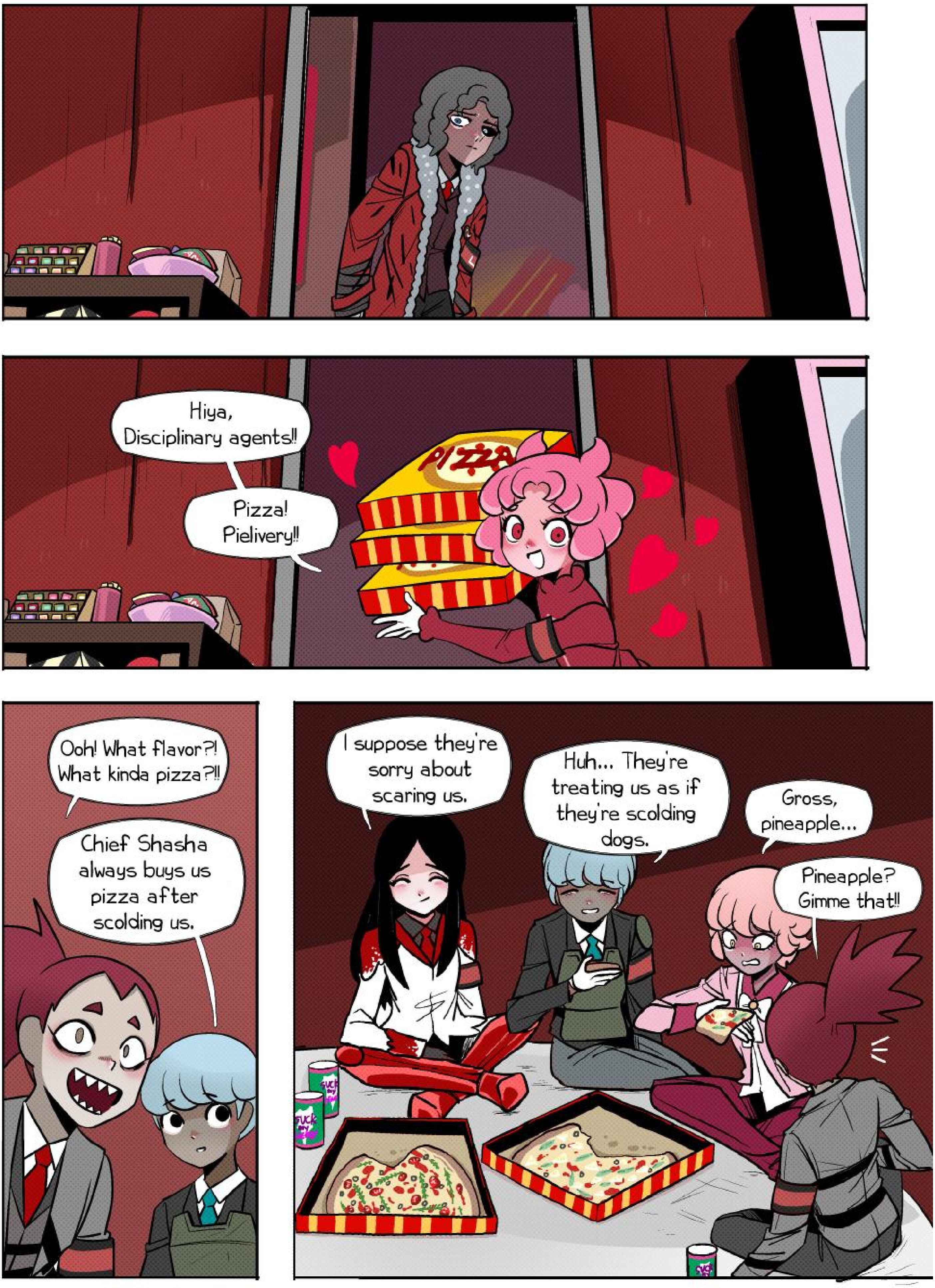
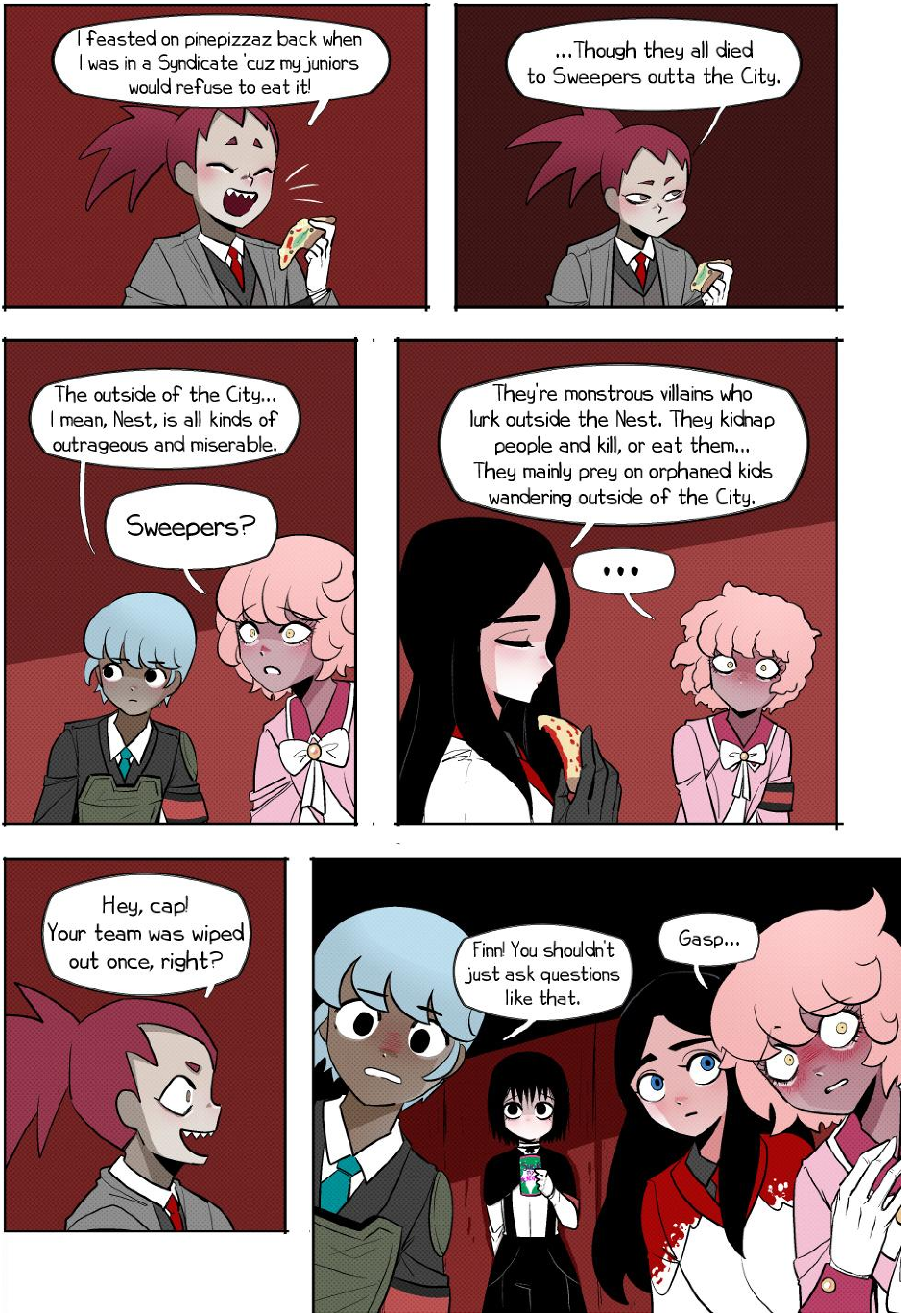

The Head of Control told me what went down; Rose, Taii, and Catt.
Heard you suppressed 'The Road Home' and 'Scaredy Cat'. Good job.
Two of you wouldn't have been injured had *one* of you summoned a department head after receiving the call.
...I want you to remember this, Catt. That you aren't the same as these two newcomers at all; that you're practically in hold of their lives.


Hiya, Disciplinary agents!!
Pizza! Pielivery!!
PIZZA
Ooh! What flavor?! What kinda pizza?!!
Chief Shasha always buys us pizza after scolding us.
I suppose they're sorry about scaring us.
Huh... They're treating us as if they're scolding dogs.
Gross, pineapple...
Pineapple? Gimme that!!


I feasted on pinepizzaz back when I was in a Syndicate 'cuz my juniors would refuse to eat it!
...Though they all died to Sweepers outta the City.
The outside of the City... I mean, Nest, is all kinds of outrageous and miserable.
Sweepers?
They're monstrous villains who lurk outside the Nest. They kidnap people and kill, or eat them... They mainly prey on orphaned kids wandering outside of the City.
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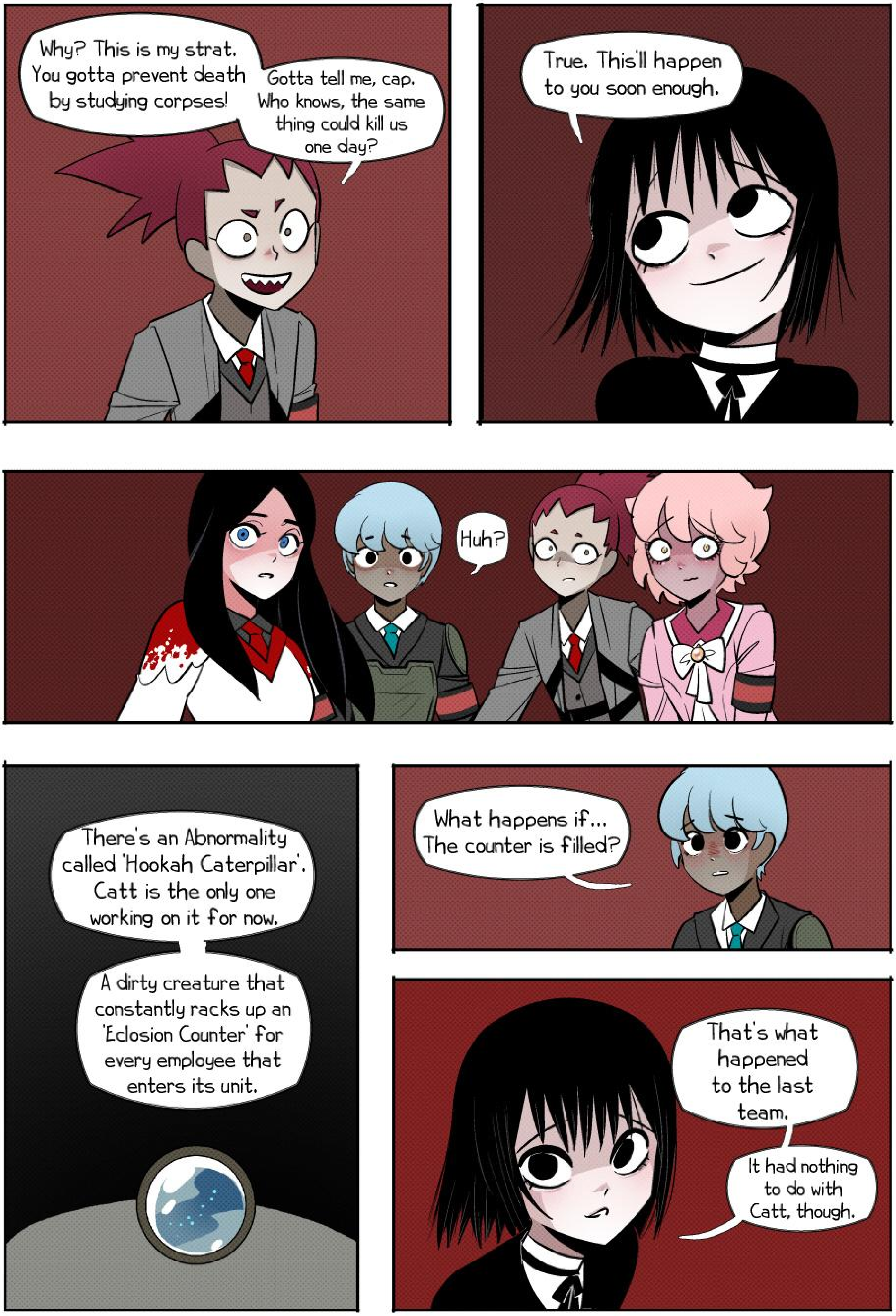
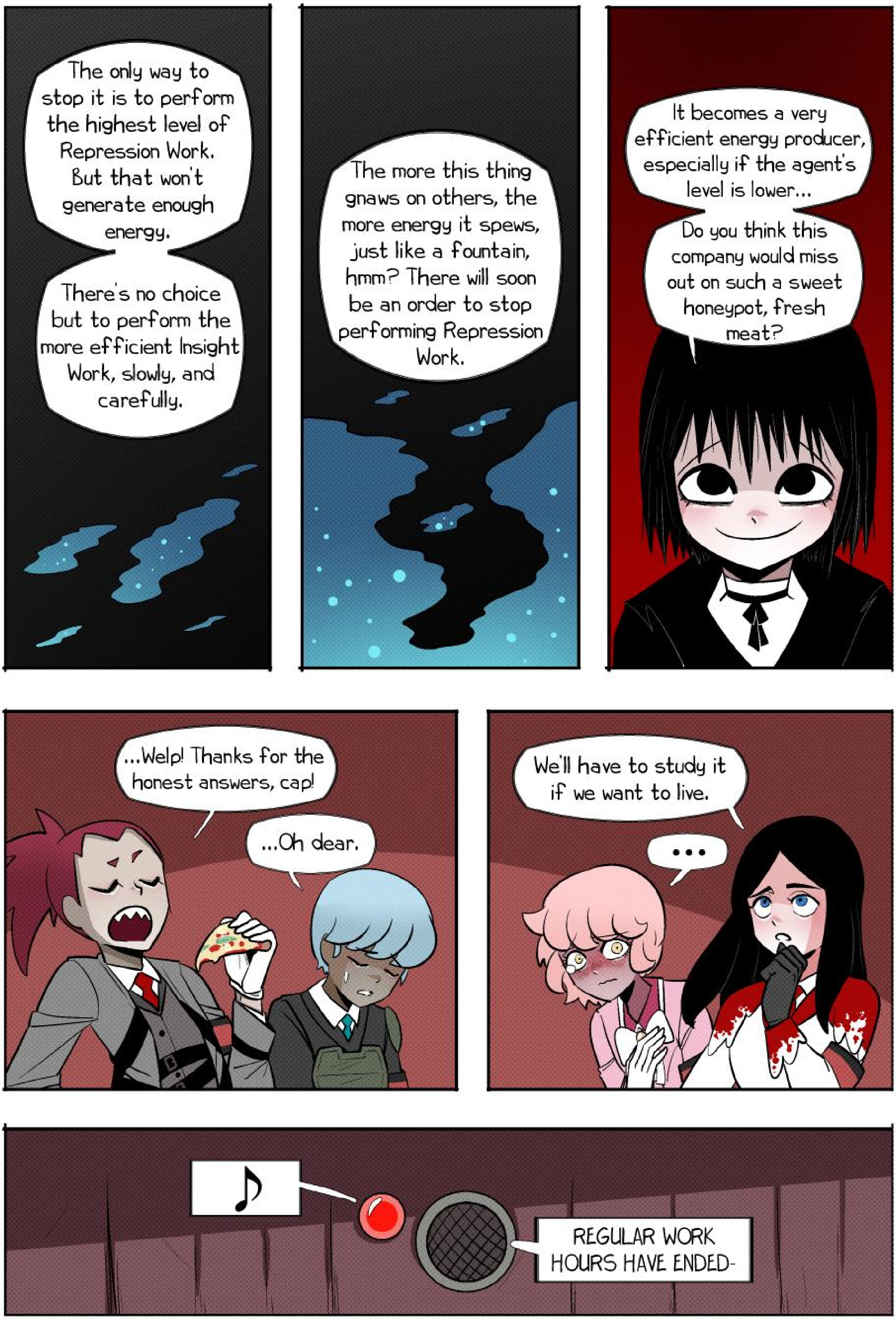
Hey, cap! Your team was wiped out once, right?
Finn! You shouldn't just ask questions like that.
Gasp...


Why? This is my strat. You gotta prevent death by studying corpses!
Gotta tell me, cap. Who knows, the same thing could kill us one day?
True. This'll happen to you soon enough.
Huh?
There's an Abnormality called 'Hookah Caterpillar'. Catt is the only one working on it for now.
A dirty creature that constantly racks up an 'Eclosion Counter' for every employee that enters its unit.
What happens if... The counter is filled?
That's what happened to the last team.
It had nothing to do with Catt, though.


The only way to stop it is to perform the highest level of Repression Work. But that won't generate enough energy.
There's no choice but to perform the more efficient Insight Work, slowly, and carefully.
The more this thing gnaws on others, the more energy it spews, just like a fountain, hmm? There will soon be an order to stop performing Repression Work.
It becomes a very efficient energy producer, especially if the agent's level is lower...
Do you think this company would miss out on such a sweet honeypot, fresh meat?
...Welp! Thanks for the honest answers, cap!
...Oh dear.
We'll have to study it if we want to live.
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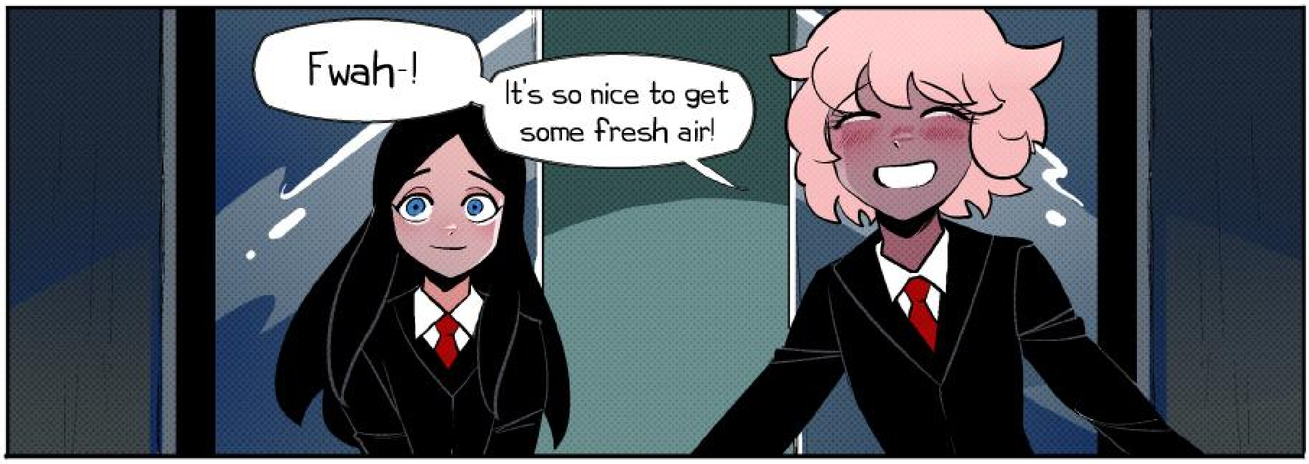
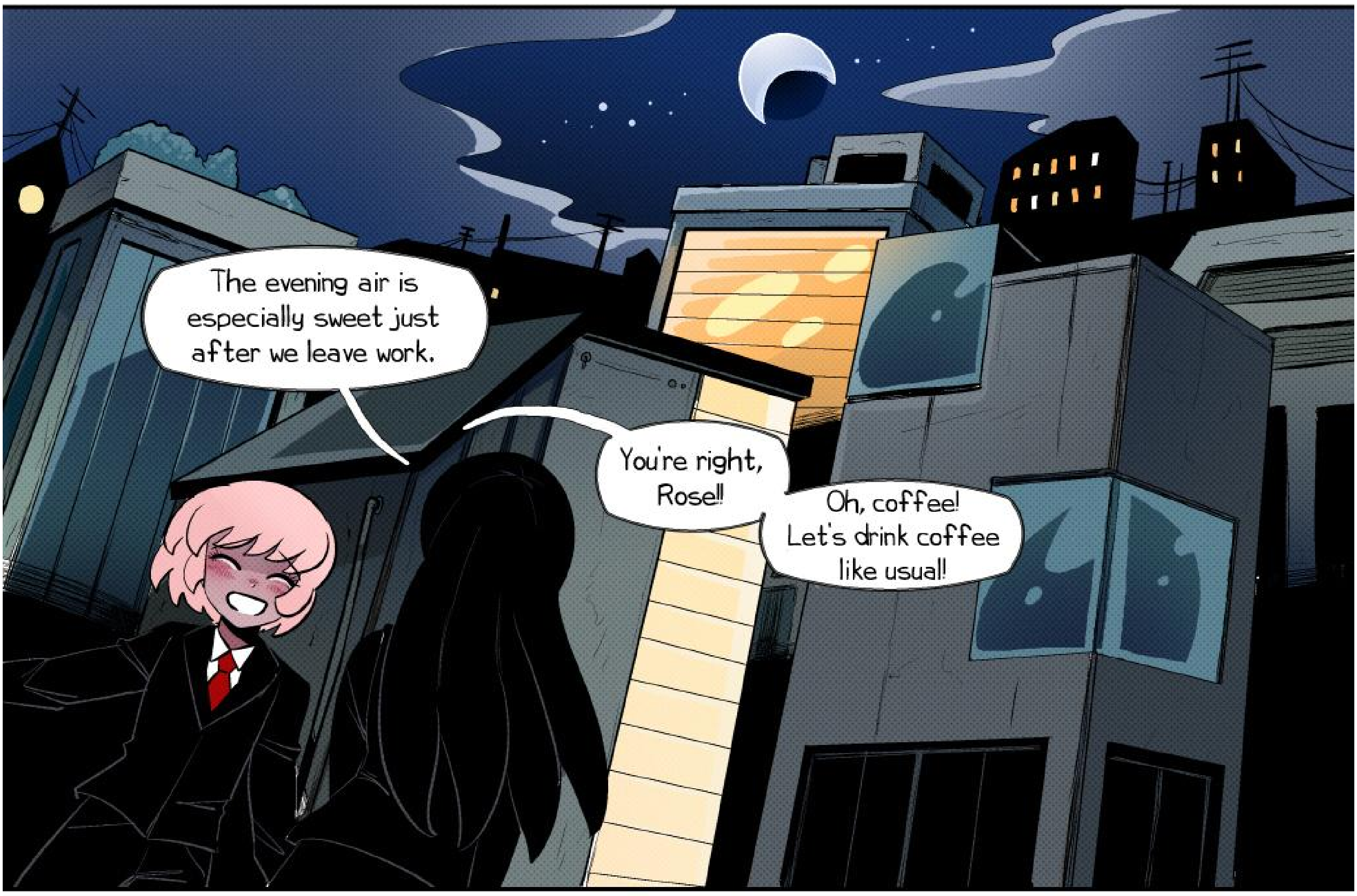
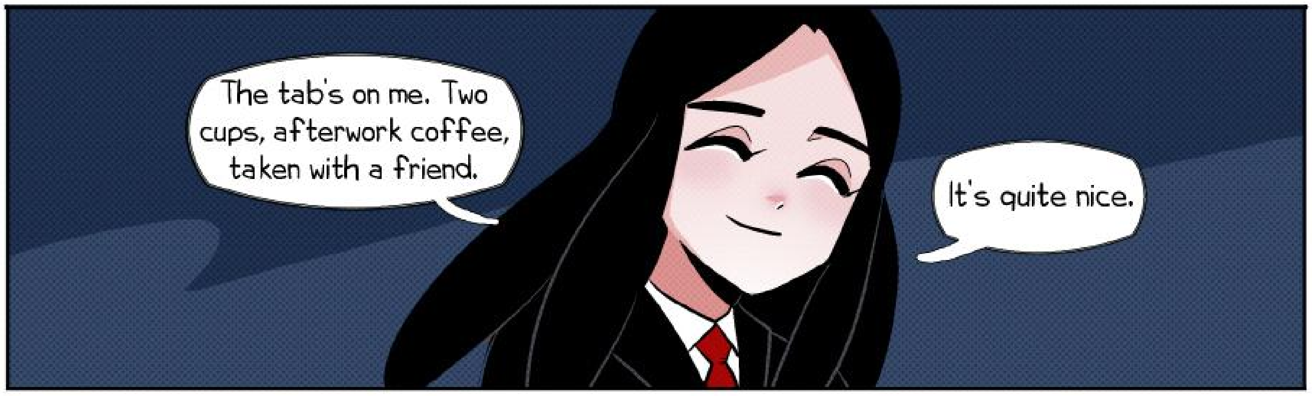
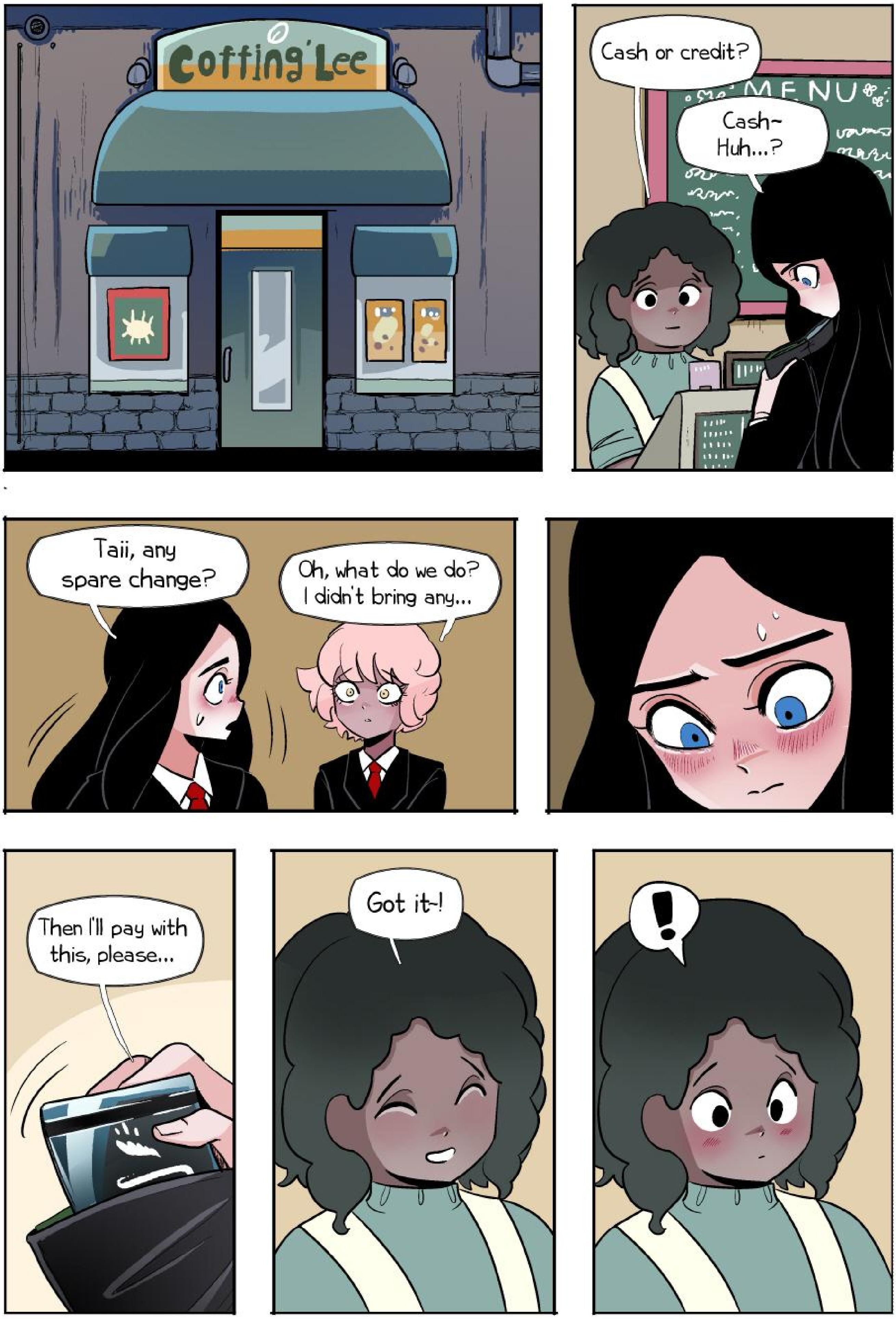
REGULAR WORK HOURS HAVE ENDED-


Fwah-!
It's so nice to get some fresh air!


The evening air is especially sweet just after we leave work.
You're right, Rose!!
Oh, coffee! Let's drink coffee like usual!


The tab's on me. Two cups, afterwork coffee, taken with a friend.
It's quite nice.


Coffing'Lee
Cash or credit?
MENU
Cash~
Huh...?
Taii, any spare change?
Oh, what do we do? I didn't bring any...
Then I'll pay with this, please...
Got it~!
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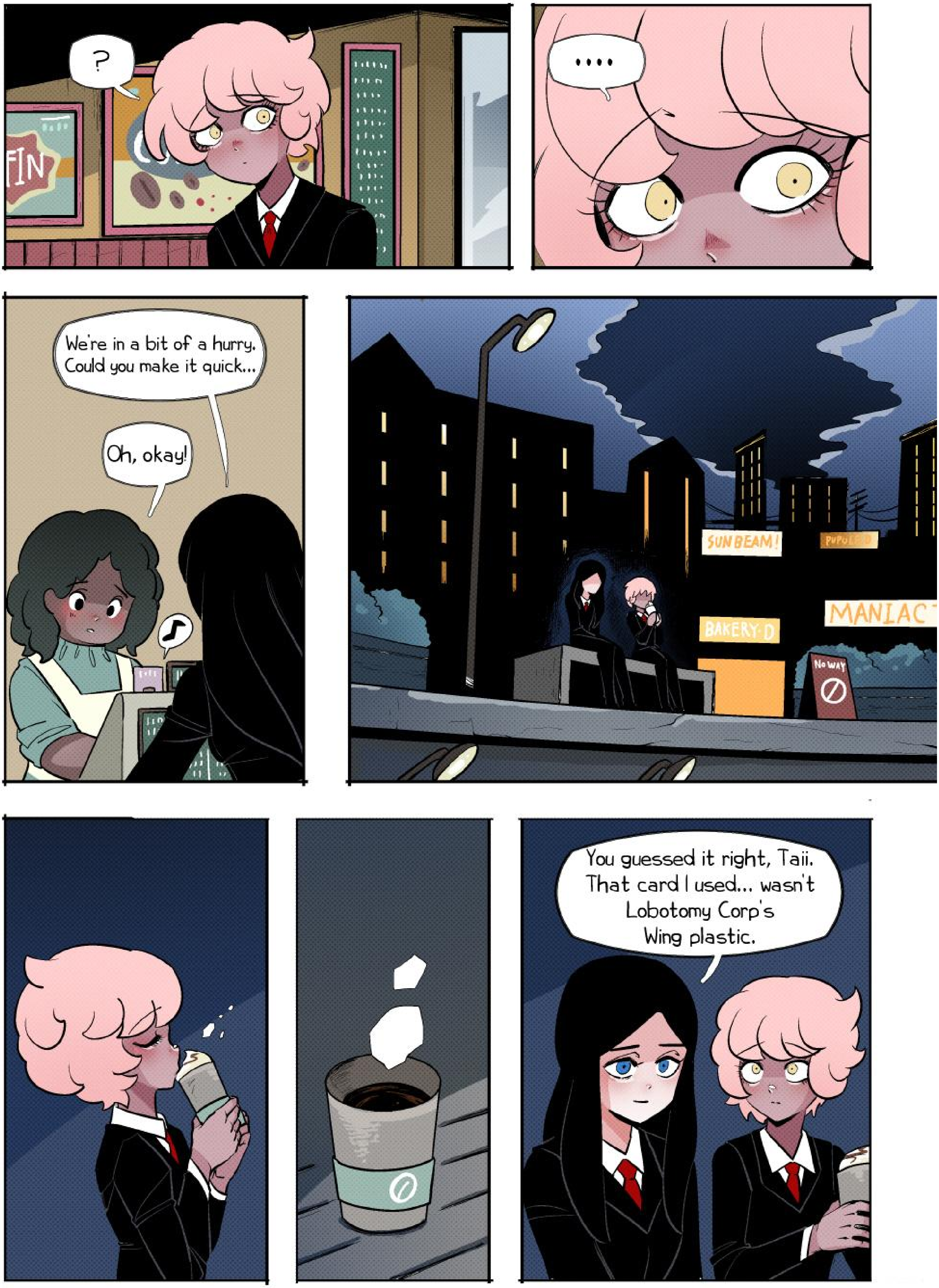
FIN
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We're in a bit of a hurry. Could you make it quick...
Oh, okay!
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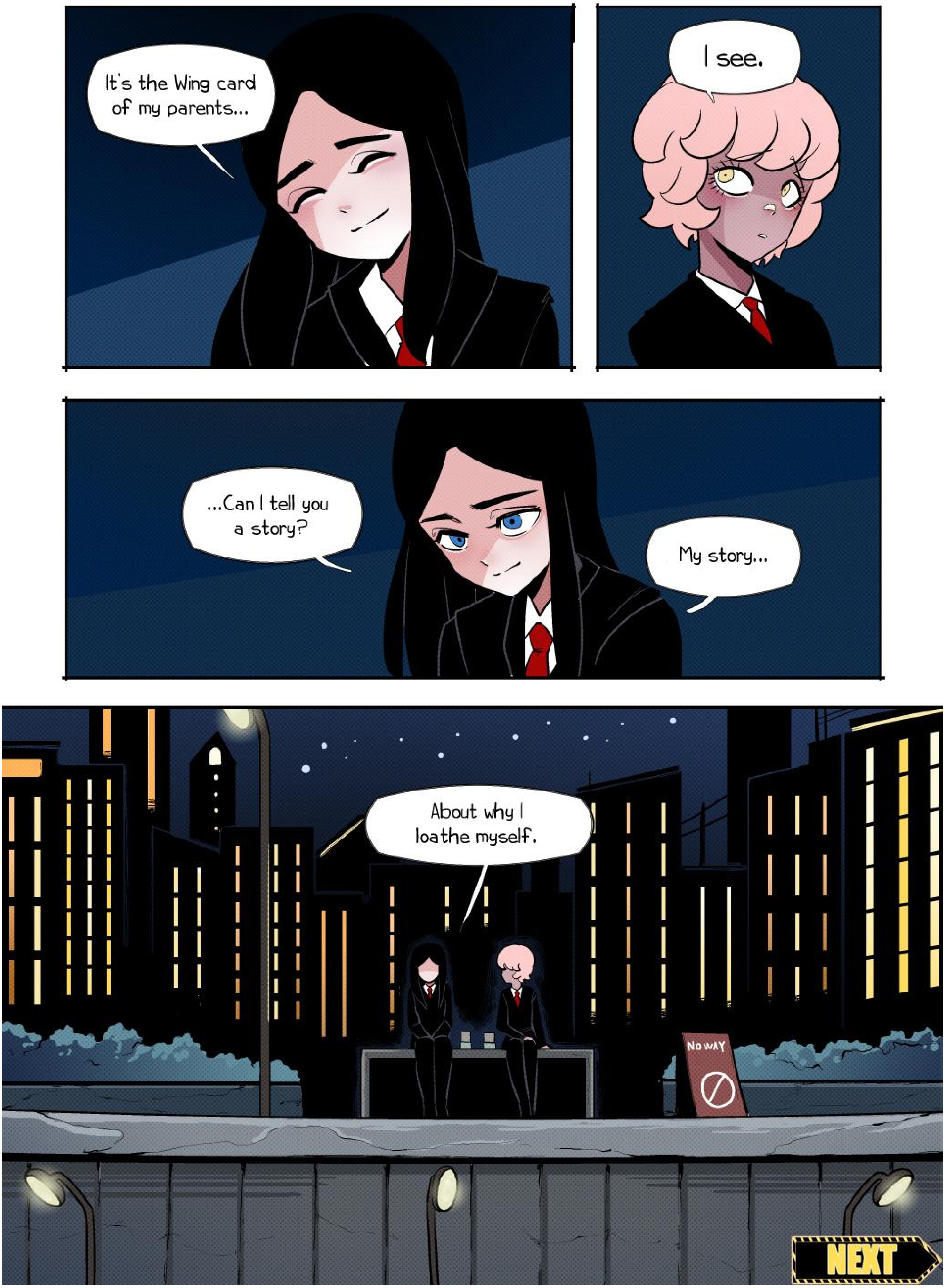
SUNBEAM!
MANIAC
BAKERY·D
No way
You guessed it right, Taii. That card I used... wasn't Lobotomy Corp's Wing plastic.


It's the Wing card of my parents...
I see.
...Can I tell you a story?
My story...
About why I loathe myself.
NO WAY
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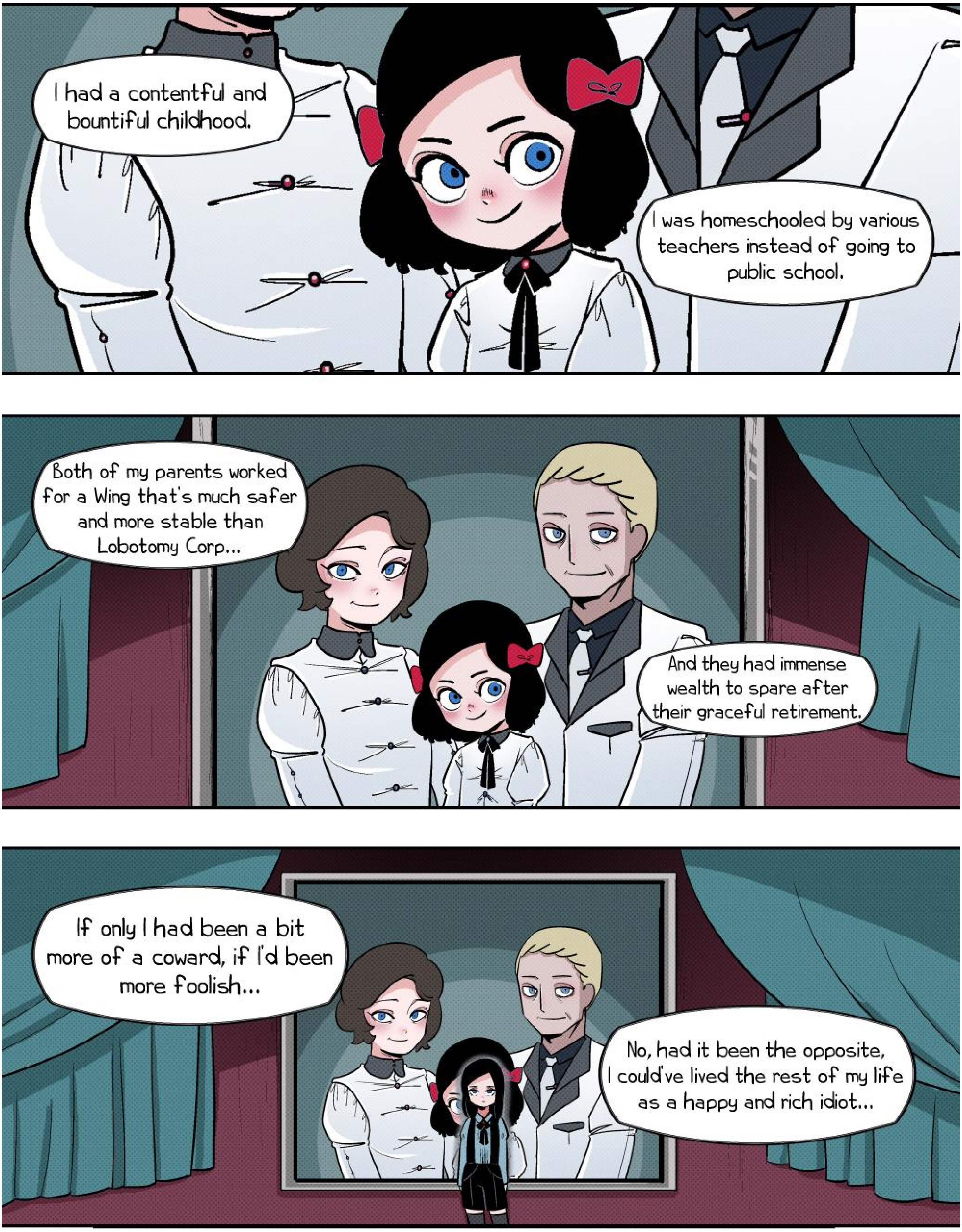
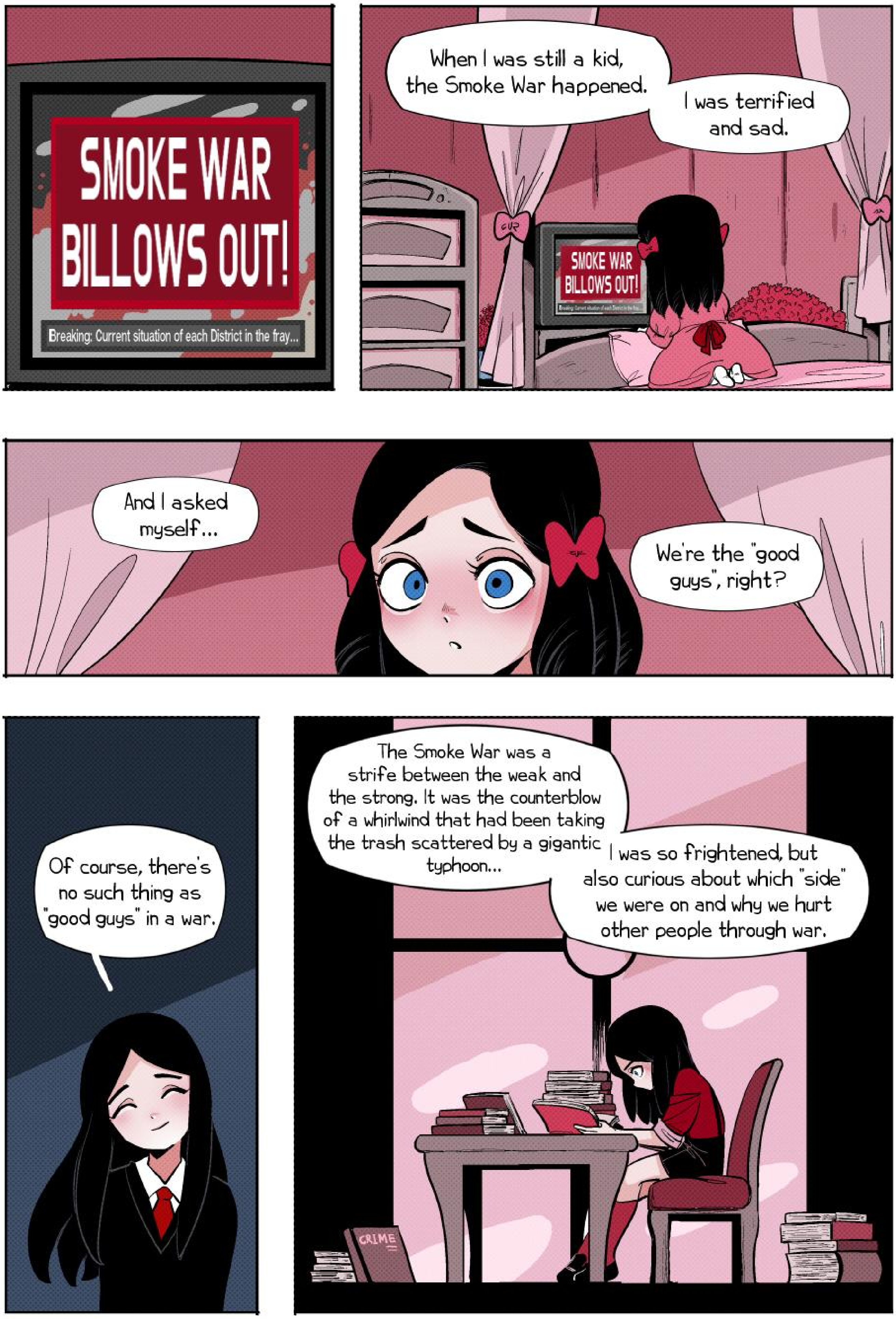
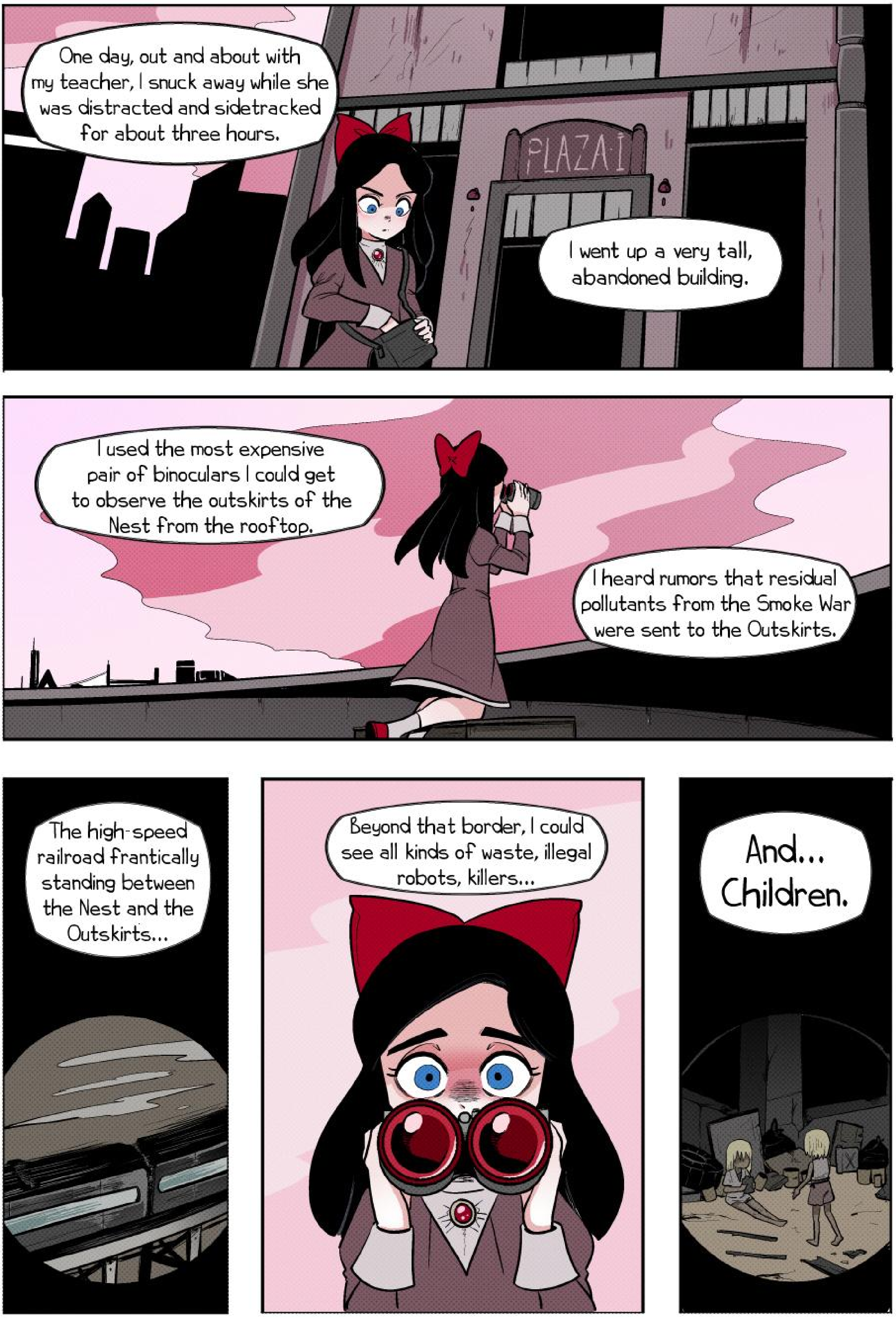
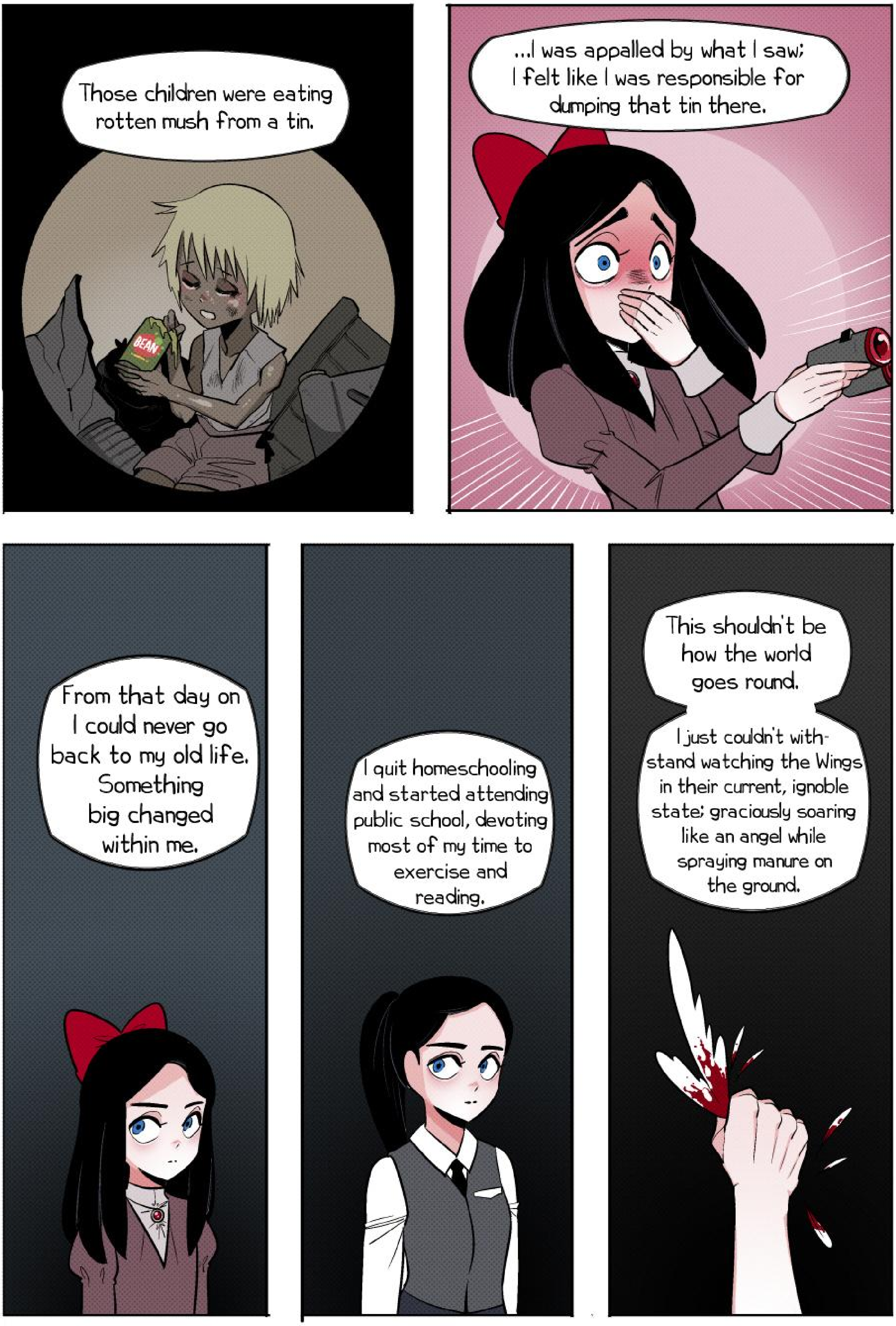
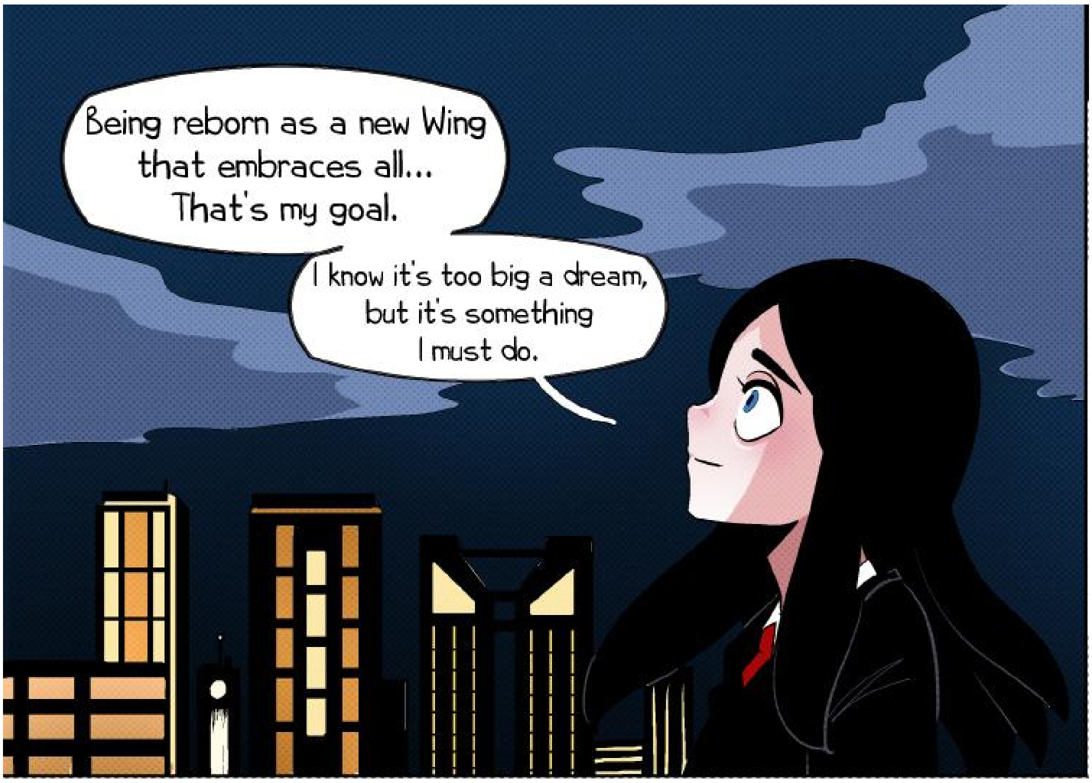
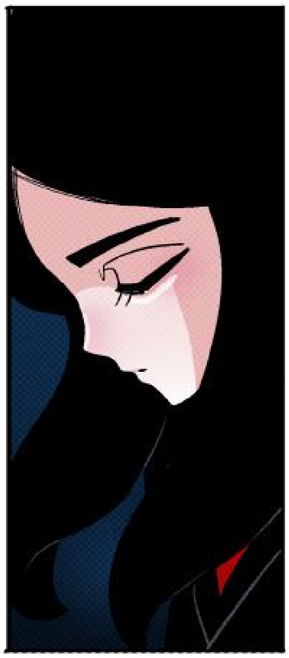

I had a contentful and bountiful childhood.
I was homeschooled by various teachers instead of going to public school.
Both of my parents worked for a Wing that's much safer and more stable than Lobotomy Corp...
And they had immense wealth to spare after their graceful retirement.
If only I had been a bit more of a coward, if I'd been more foolish...
No, had it been the opposite, I could've lived the rest of my life as a happy and rich idiot...

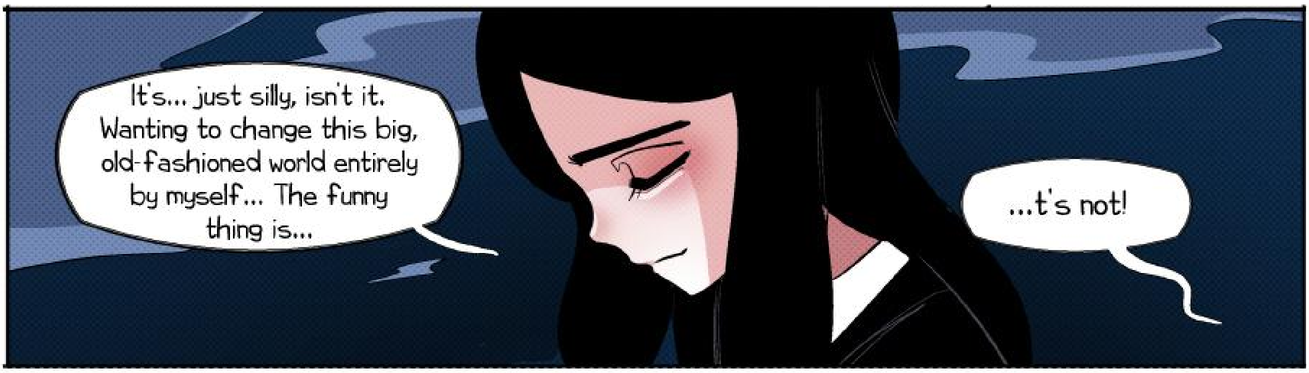

SMOKE WAR BILLOWS OUT!
Breaking: Current situation of each District in the fray...
When I was still a kid, the Smoke War happened.
I was terrified and sad.
SMOKE WAR BILLOWS OUT!
And I asked myself...
We're the "good guys", right?
Of course, there's no such thing as "good guys" in a war.
The Smoke War was a strife between the weak and the strong. It was the counterblow of a whirlwind that had been taking the trash scattered by a gigantic typhoon...
I was so frightened, but also curious about which "side" we were on and why we hurt other people through war.
CRIME

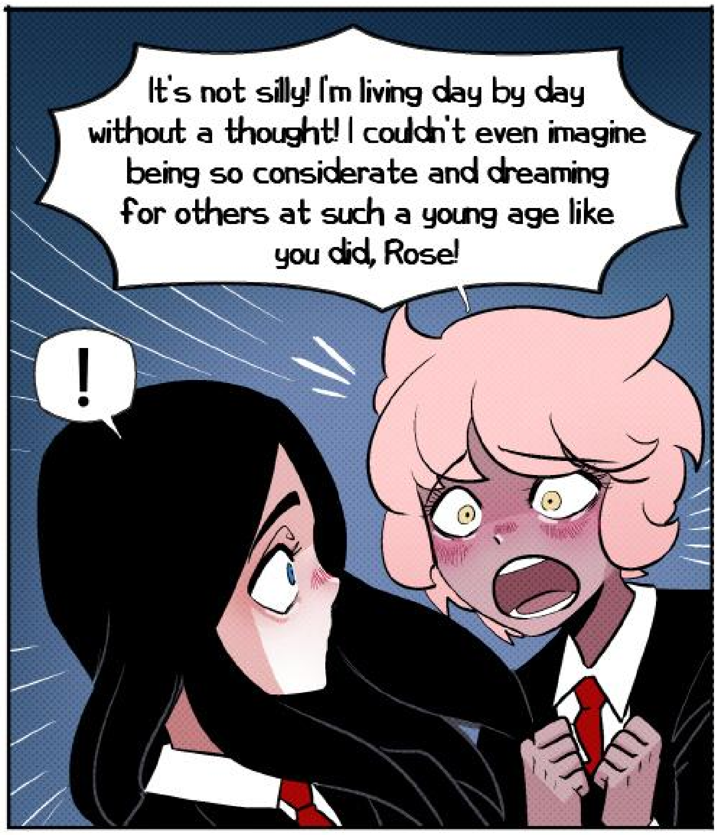

One day, out and about with my teacher, I snuck away while she was distracted and sidetracked for about three hours.
PLAZA·I
I went up a very tall, abandoned building.
I used the most expensive pair of binoculars I could get to observe the outskirts of the Nest from the rooftop.
I heard rumors that residual pollutants from the Smoke War were sent to the Outskirts.
The high-speed railroad frantically standing between the Nest and the Outskirts...
Beyond that border, I could see all kinds of waste, illegal robots, killers...
And... Children.


Those children were eating rotten mush from a tin.
BEAN
...I was appalled by what I saw; I felt like I was responsible for dumping that tin there.
From that day on I could never go back to my old life. Something big changed within me.
I quit homeschooling and started attending public school, devoting most of my time to exercise and reading.
This shouldn't be how the world goes round.
I just couldn't withstand watching the Wings in their current, ignoble state; graciously soaring like an angel while spraying manure on the ground.


Being reborn as a new Wing that embraces all... That's my goal.
I know it's too big a dream, but it's something I must do.




It's... just silly, isn't it. Wanting to change this big, old-fashioned world entirely by myself... The funny thing is...
...t's not!


It's not silly! I'm living day by day without a thought! I couldn't even imagine being so considerate and dreaming for others at such a young age like you did, Rose!
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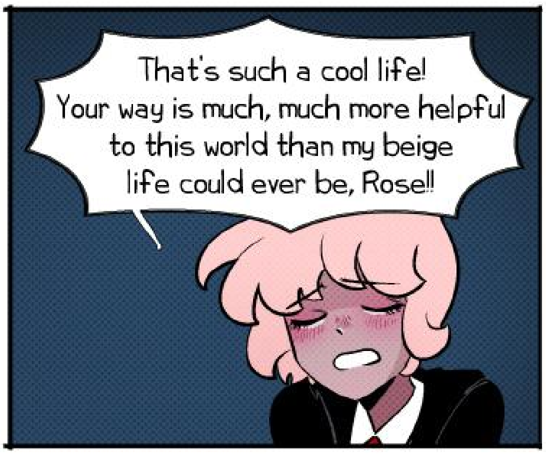
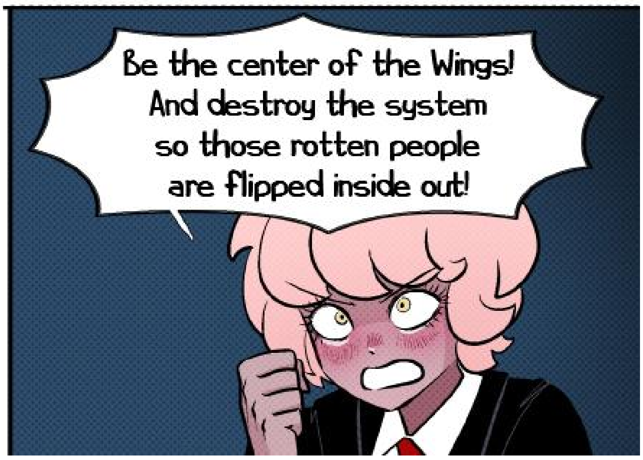
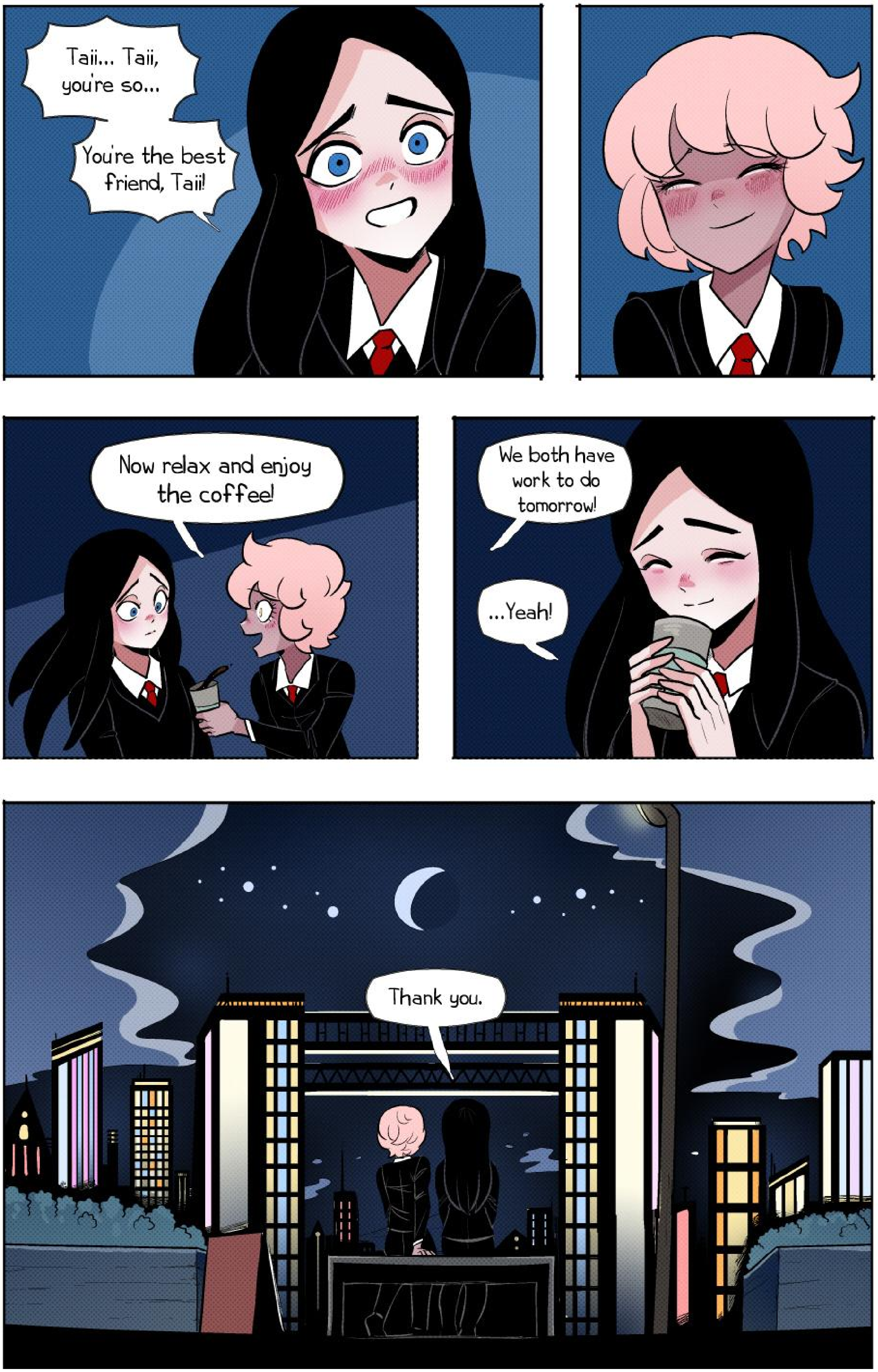
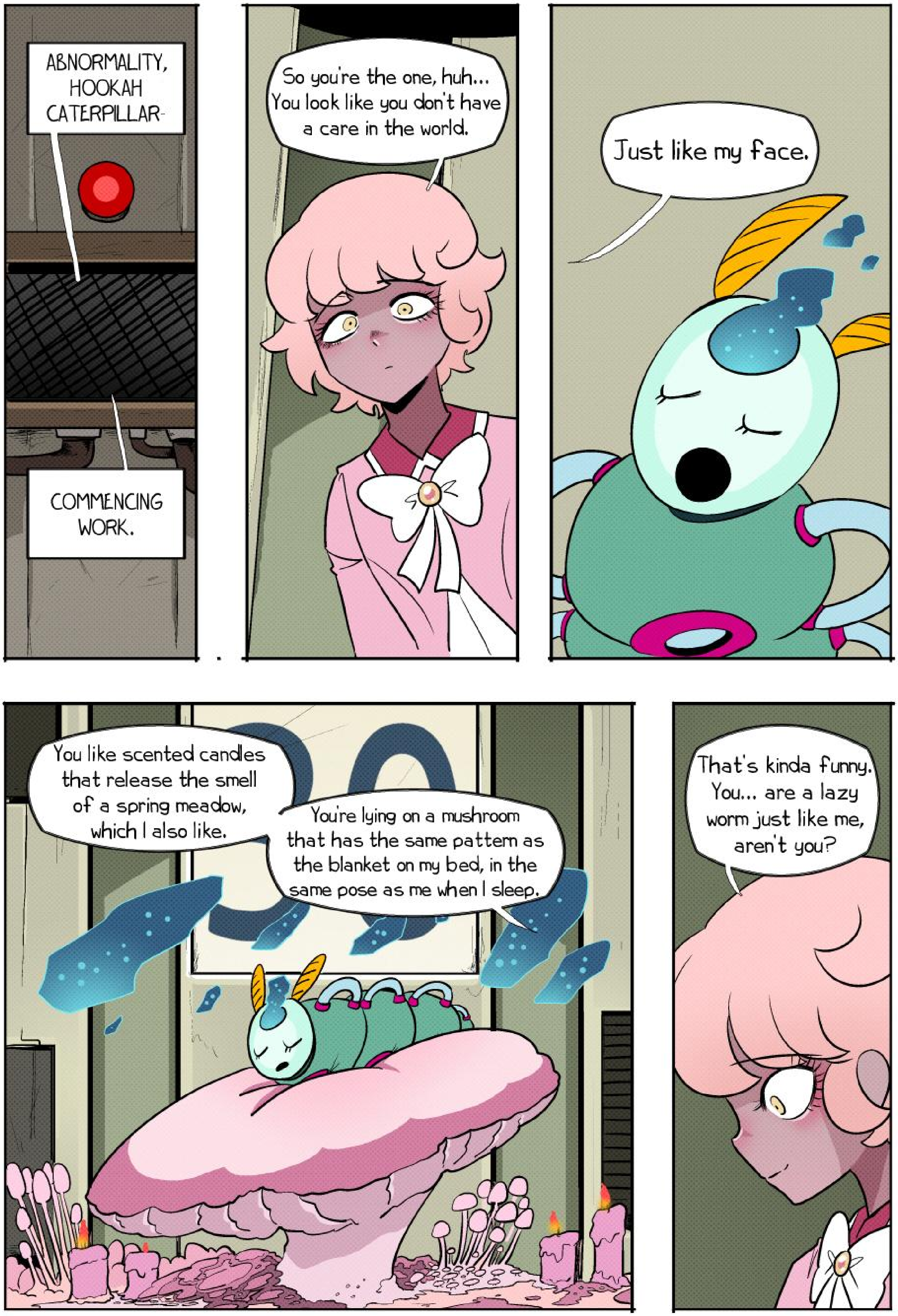
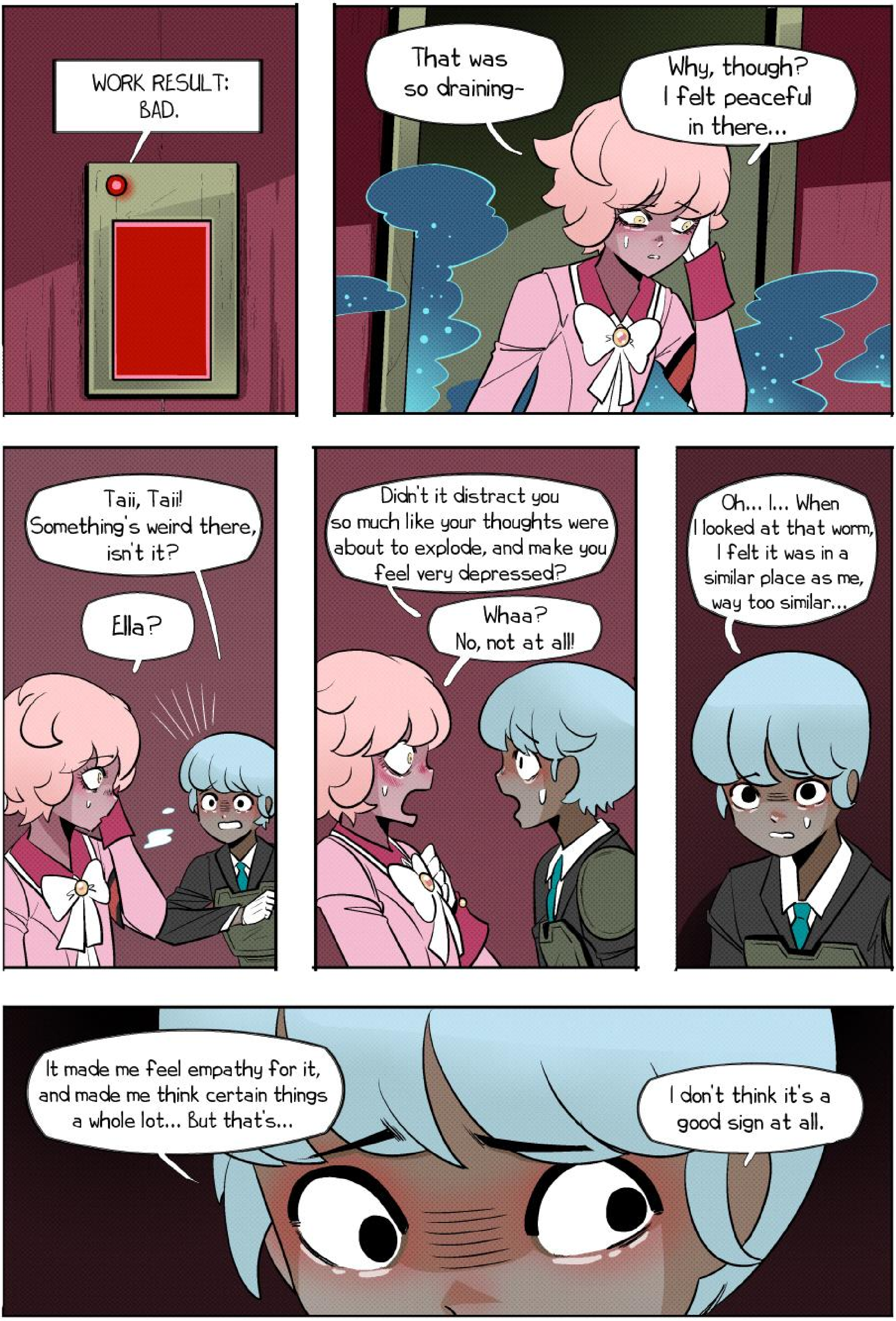
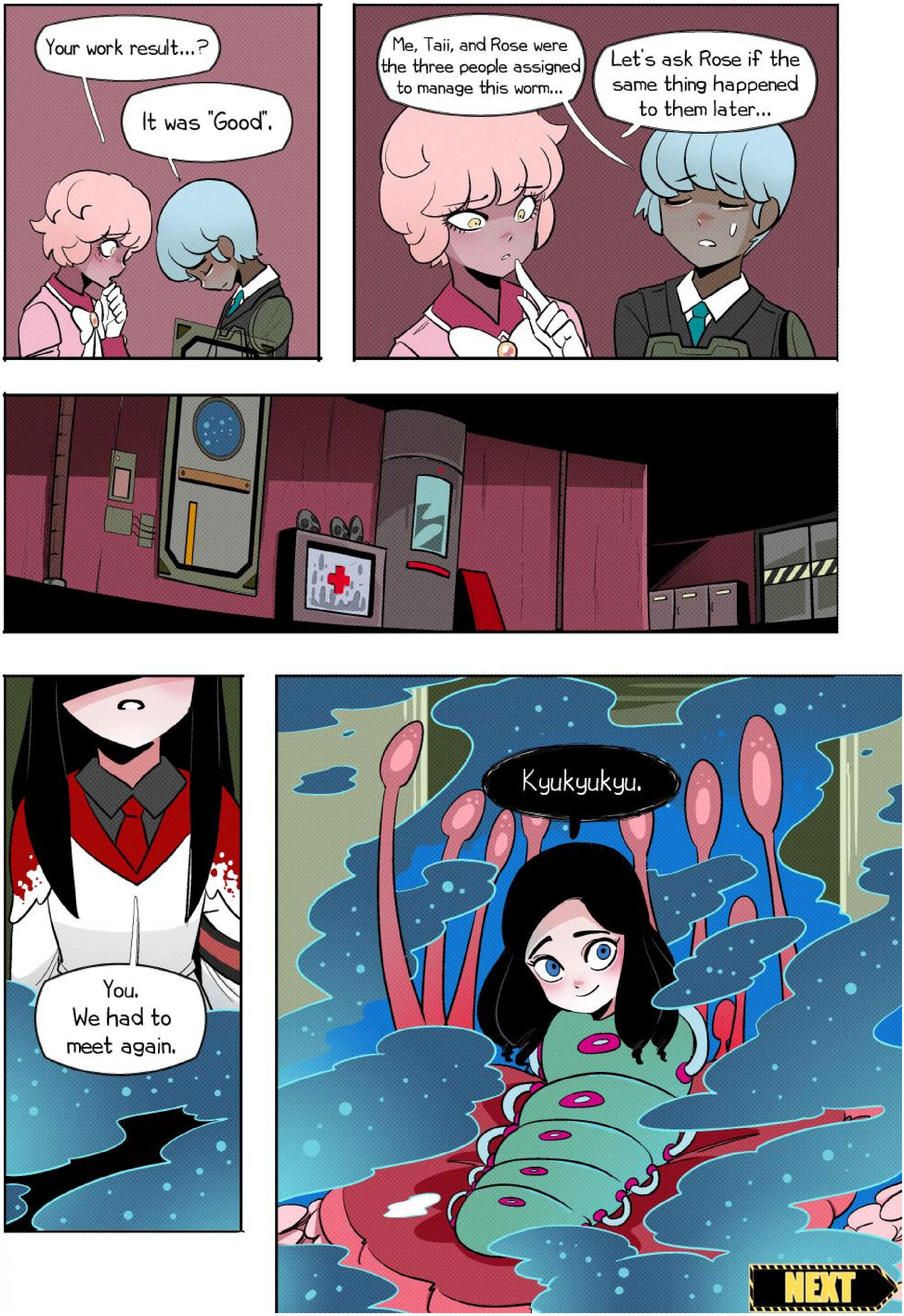

That's such a cool life! Your way is much, much more helpful to this world than my beige life could ever be, Rose!!


Be the center of the Wings! And destroy the system so those rotten people are flipped inside out!


Taii... Taii, you're so...
You're the best friend, Taii!
Now relax and enjoy the coffee!
We both have work to do tomorrow!
...Yeah!
Thank you.


ABNORMALITY, HOOKAH CATERPILLAR-
COMMENCING WORK.
So you're the one, huh... You look like you don't have a care in the world.
Just like my face.
You like scented candles that release the smell of a spring meadow, which I also like.
You're lying on a mushroom that has the same pattern as the blanket on my bed, in the same pose as me when I sleep.
That's kinda funny. You... are a lazy worm just like me, aren't you?


WORK RESULT: BAD.
That was so draining~
Why, though? I felt peaceful in there...
Taii, Taii! Something's weird there, isn't it?
Ella?
Didn't it distract you so much like your thoughts were about to explode, and make you feel very depressed?
Whaa? No, not at all!
Oh... I... When I looked at that worm, I felt it was in a similar place as me, way too similar...
It made me feel empathy for it, and made me think certain things a whole lot... But that's...
I don't think it's a good sign at all.


Your work result...?
It was "Good".
Me, Taii, and Rose were the three people assigned to manage this worm...
Let's ask Rose if the same thing happened to them later...
You.
We had to meet again.
Kyukyukyu.
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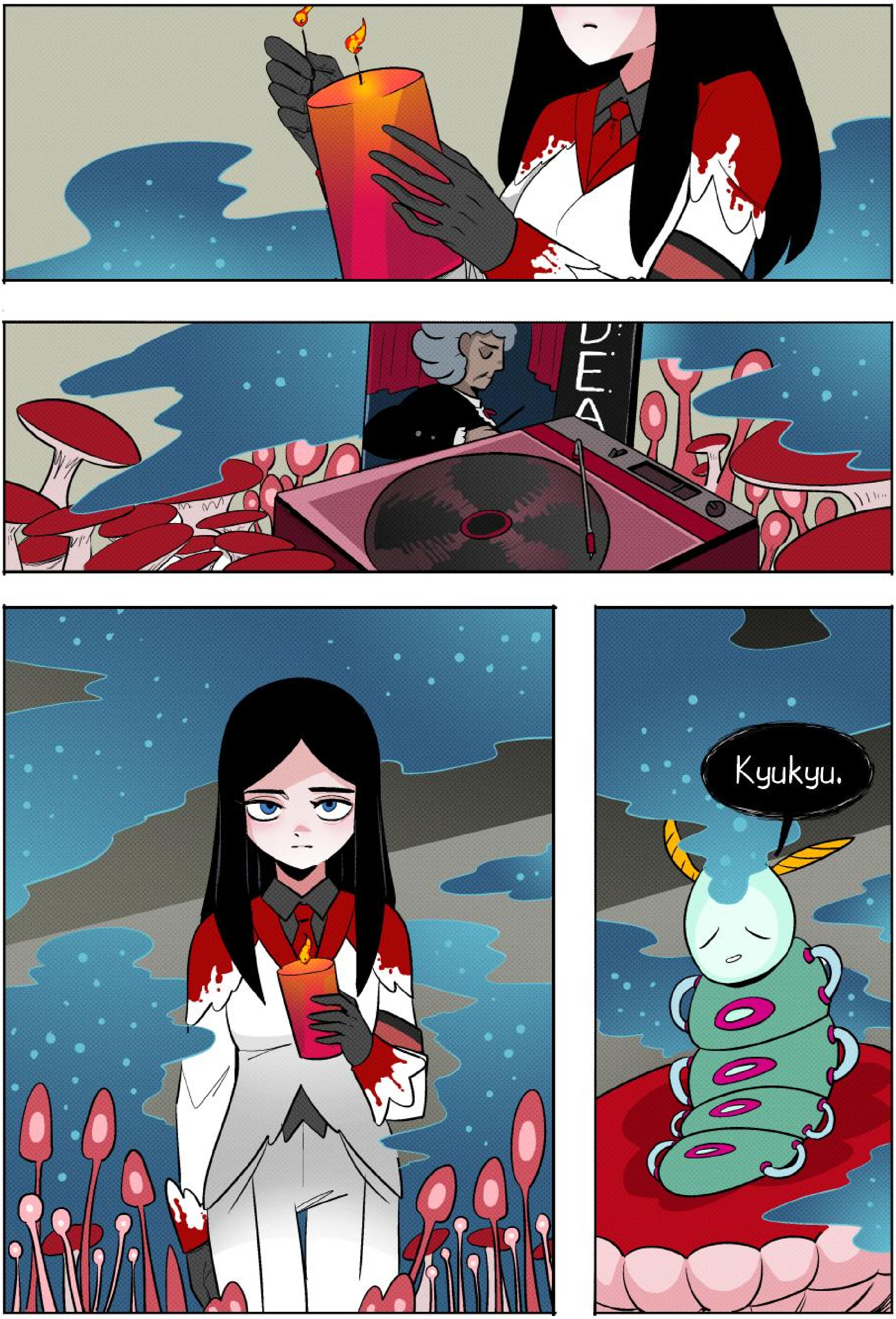
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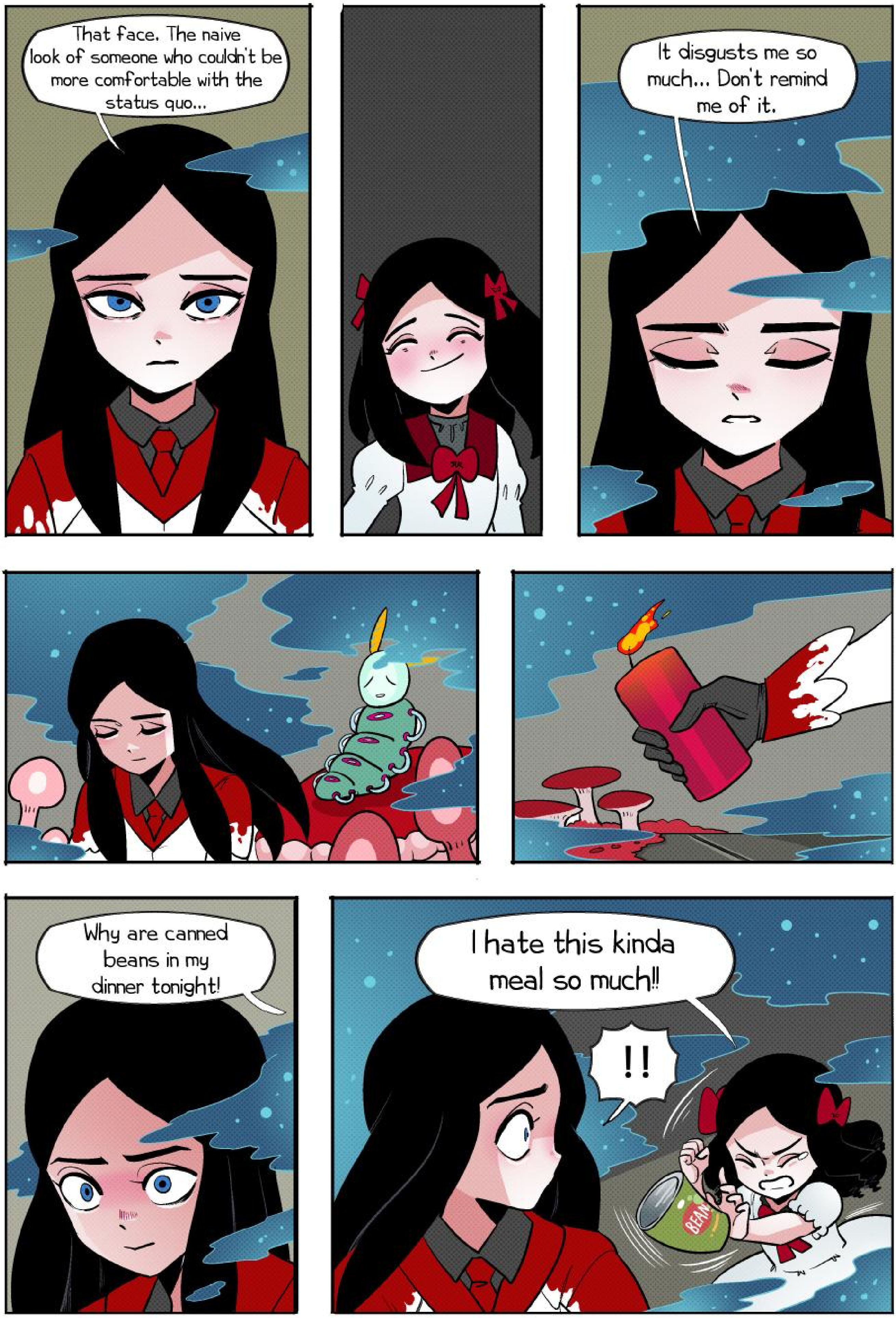
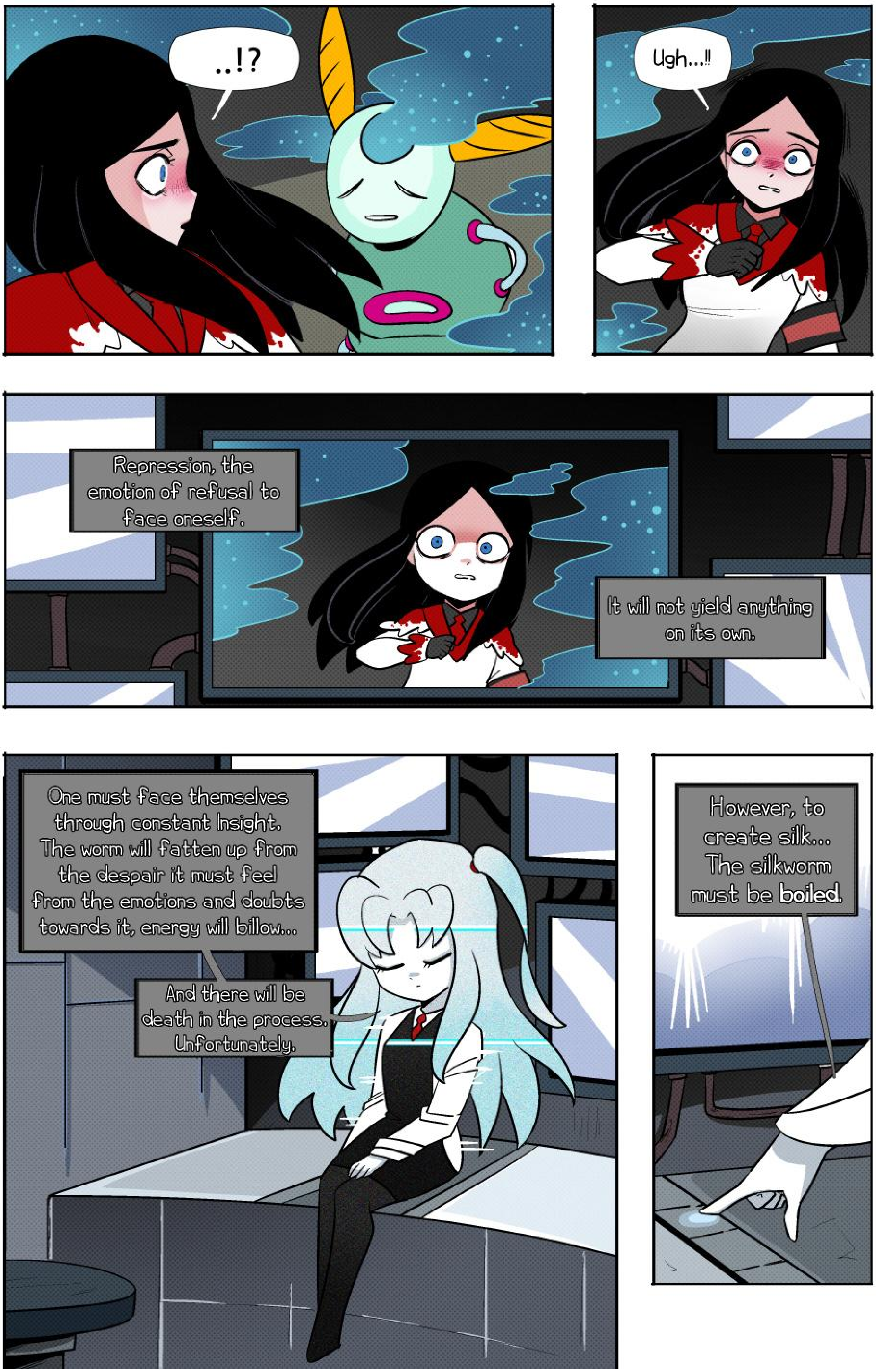
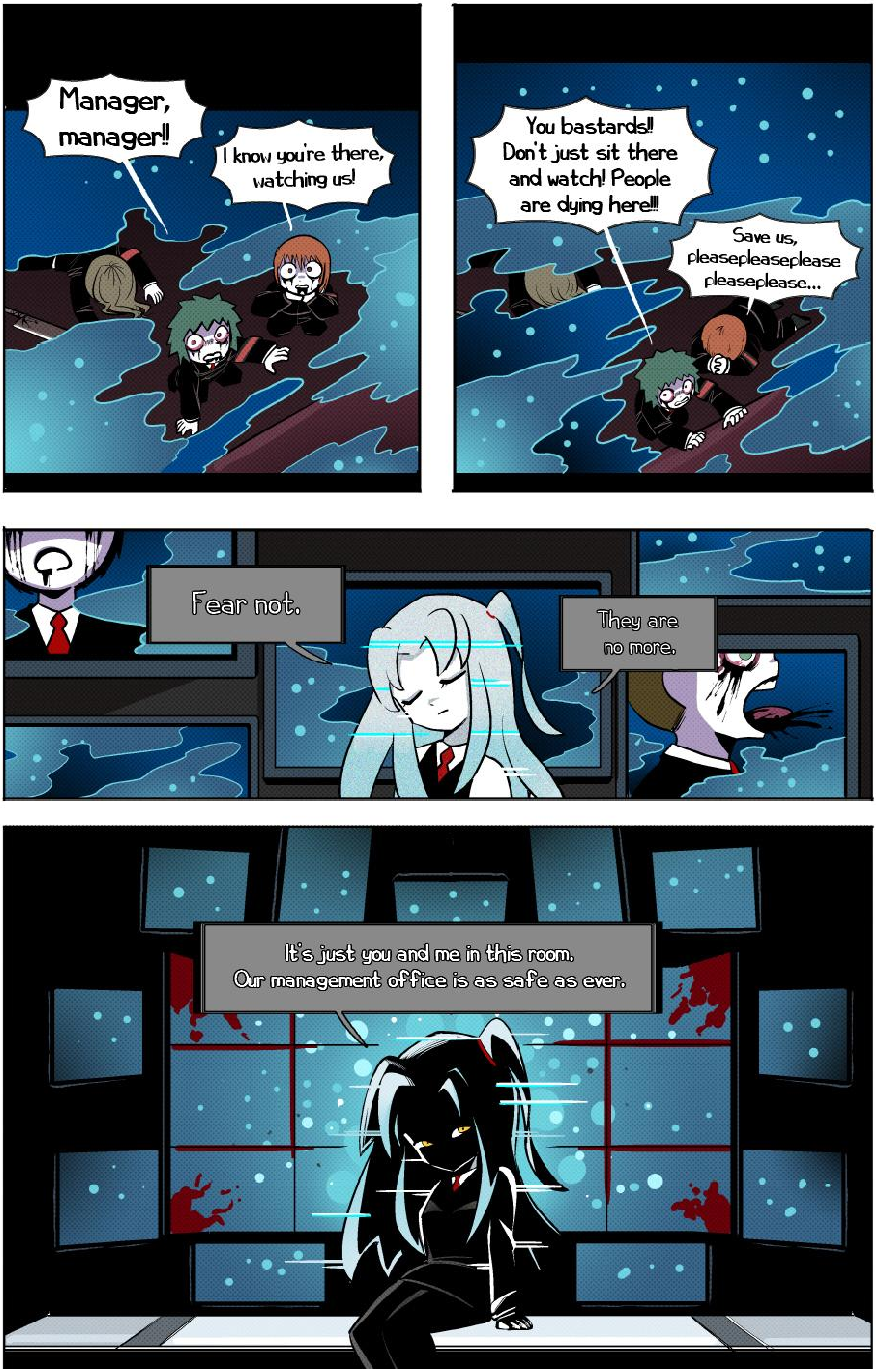
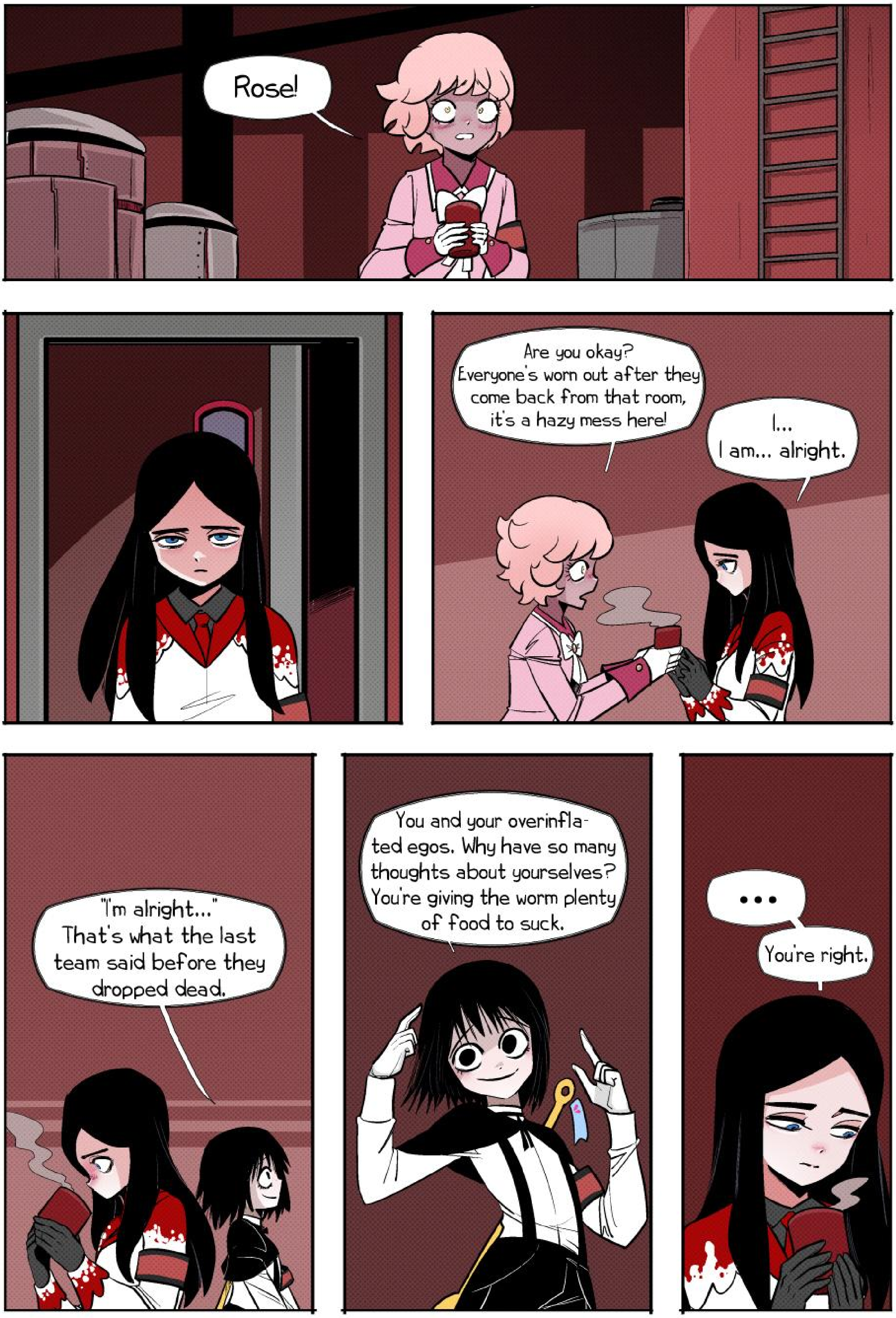
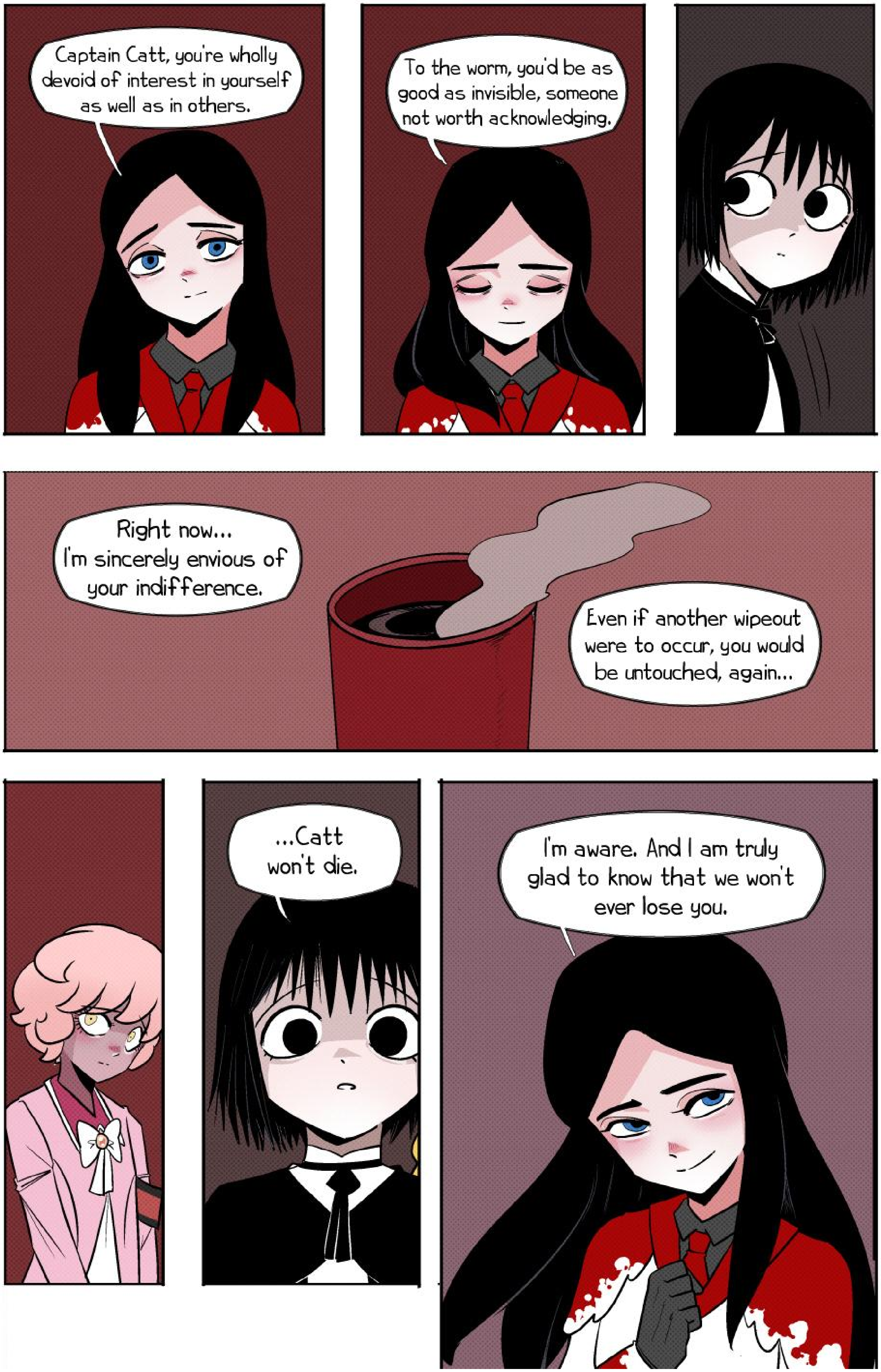
Kyukyu.

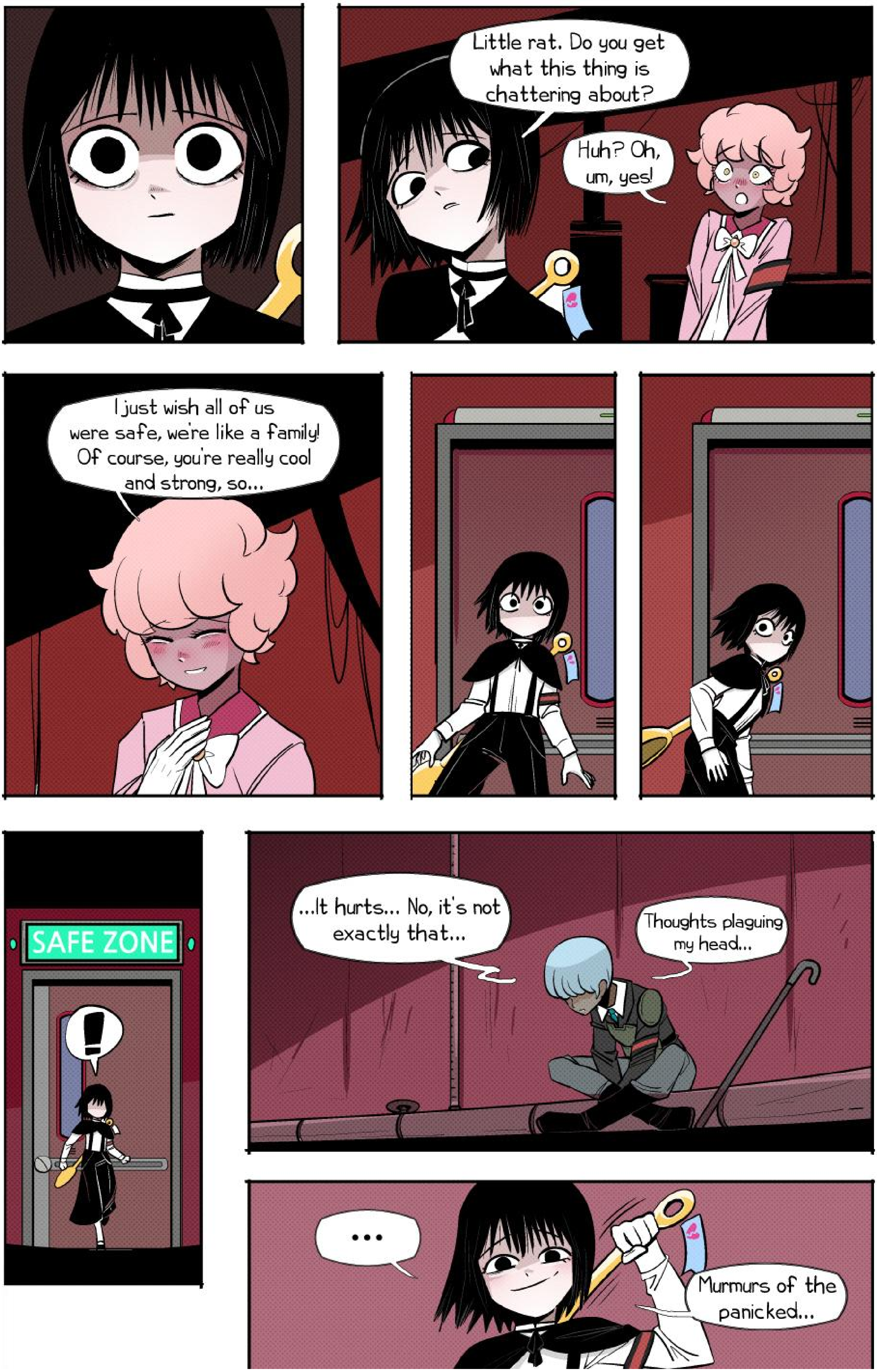

That face. The naive look of someone who couldn't be more comfortable with the status quo...
It disgusts me so much... Don't remind me of it.
Why are canned beans in my dinner tonight!
I hate this kinda meal so much!!
!!
BEAN


..!?
Ugh...!!
Repression, the emotion of refusal to face oneself.
It will not yield anything on its own.
One must face themselves through constant Insight. The worm will fatten up from the despair it must feel from the emotions and doubts towards it, energy will billow...
And there will be death in the process. Unfortunately.
However, to create silk... The silkworm must be **boiled**.


Manager, manager!!
I know you're there, watching us!
You bastards!! Don't just sit there and watch! People are dying here!!!
Save us, pleasepleaseplease pleaseplease...
Fear not.
They are no more.
It's just you and me in this room. Our management office is as safe as ever.


Rose!
Are you okay? Everyone's worn out after they come back from that room, it's a hazy mess here!
I... I am... alright.
"I'm alright..." That's what the last team said before they dropped dead.
You and your overinflated egos. Why have so many thoughts about yourselves? You're giving the worm plenty of food to suck.
...
You're right.


Captain Catt, you're wholly devoid of interest in yourself as well as in others.
To the worm, you'd be as good as invisible, someone not worth acknowledging.
Right now... I'm sincerely envious of your indifference.
Even if another wipeout were to occur, you would be untouched, again...
...Catt won't die.
I'm aware. And I am truly glad to know that we won't ever lose you.


Little rat. Do you get what this thing is chattering about?
Huh? Oh, um, yes!
I just wish all of us were safe, we're like a family! Of course, you're really cool and strong, so...
SAFE ZONE
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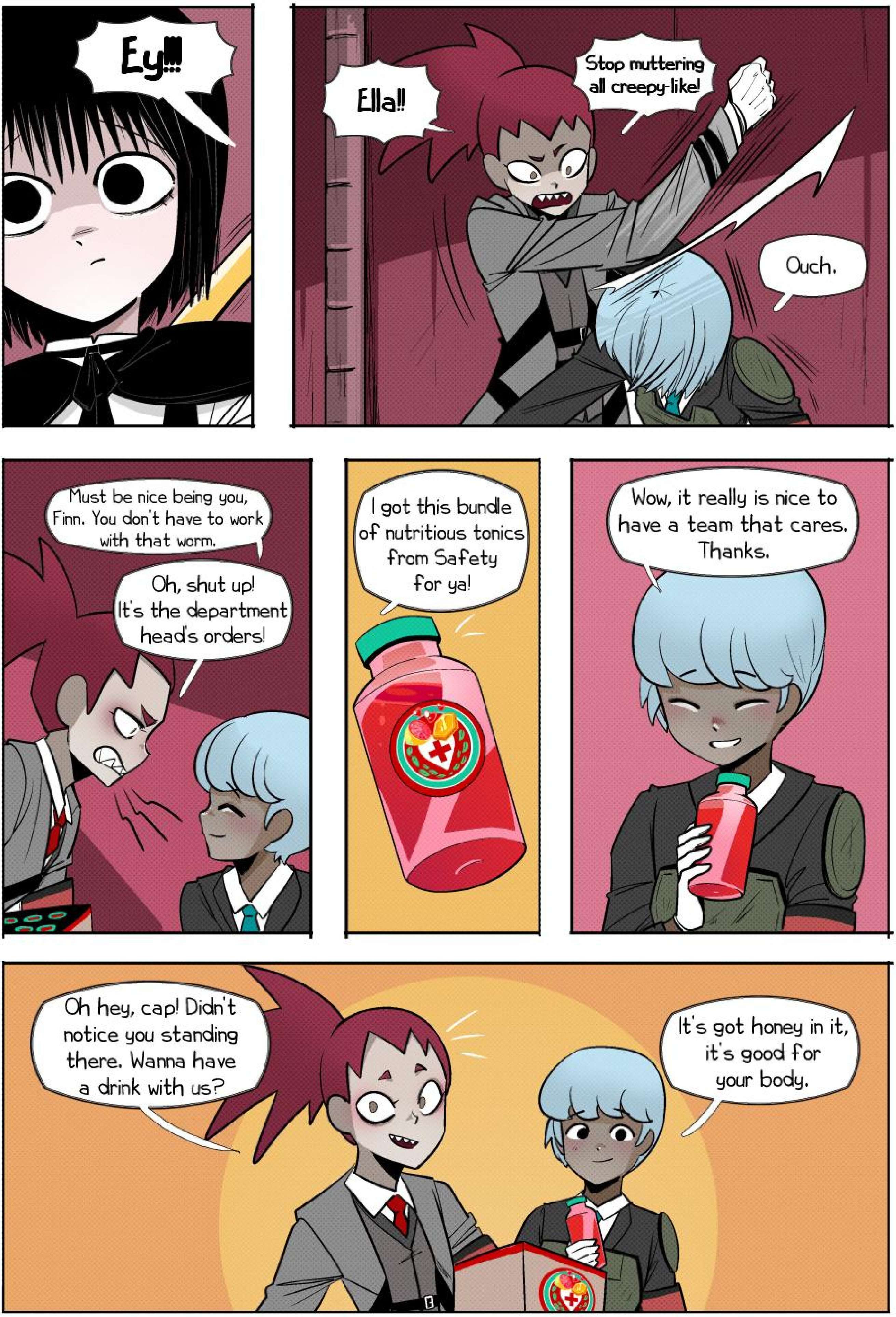
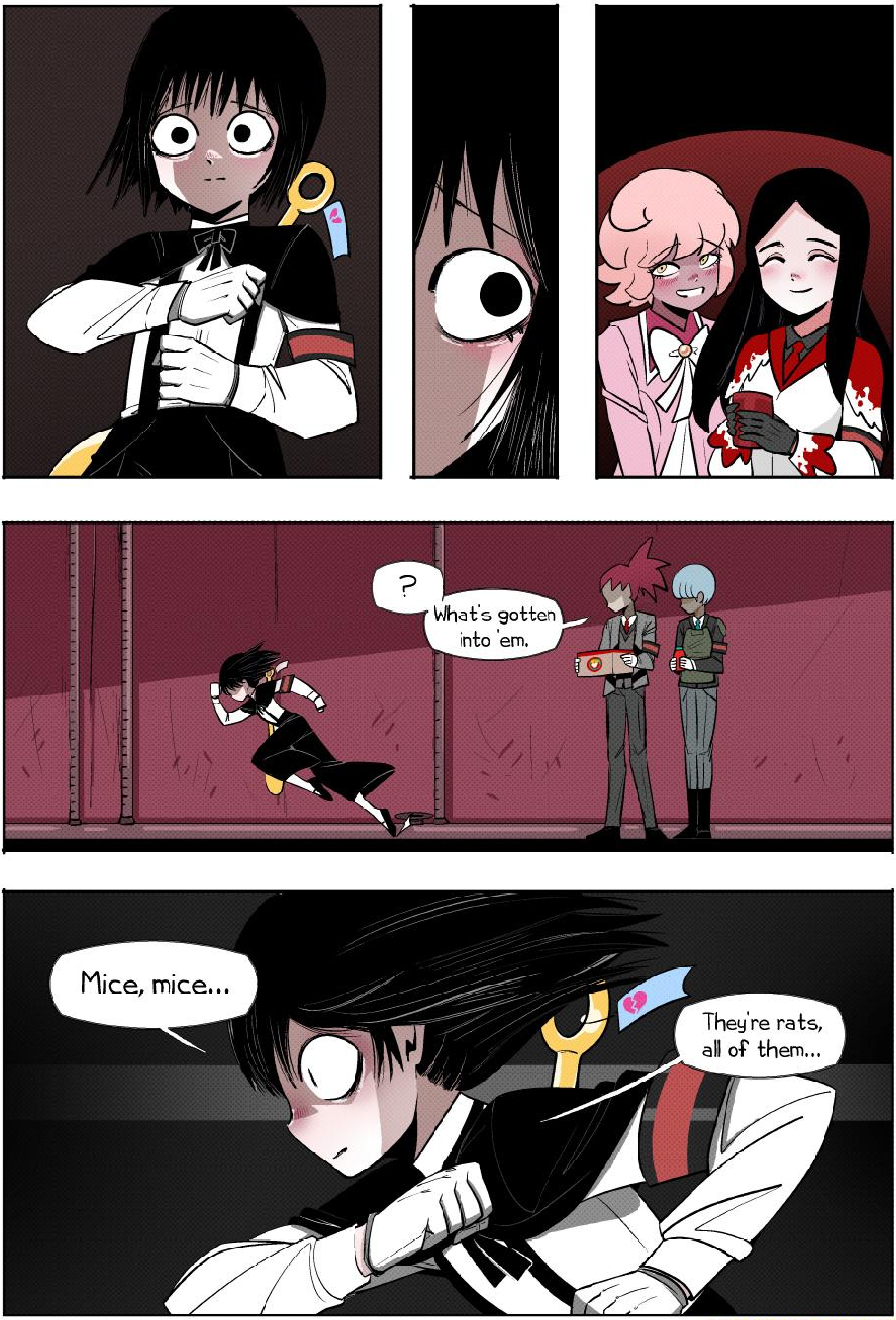
...It hurts... No, it's not exactly that...
Thoughts plaguing my head...
...
Murmurs of the panicked...


Ey!!!
Ella!!
Stop muttering all creepy-like!
Ouch.
Must be nice being you, Finn. You don't have to work with that worm.
Oh, shut up! It's the department head's orders!
I got this bundle of nutritious tonics from Safety for ya!
Wow, it really is nice to have a team that cares. Thanks.
Oh hey, cap! Didn't notice you standing there. Wanna have a drink with us?
It's got honey in it, it's good for your body.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What's gotten into 'em.
Mice, mice...
They're rats, all of them...

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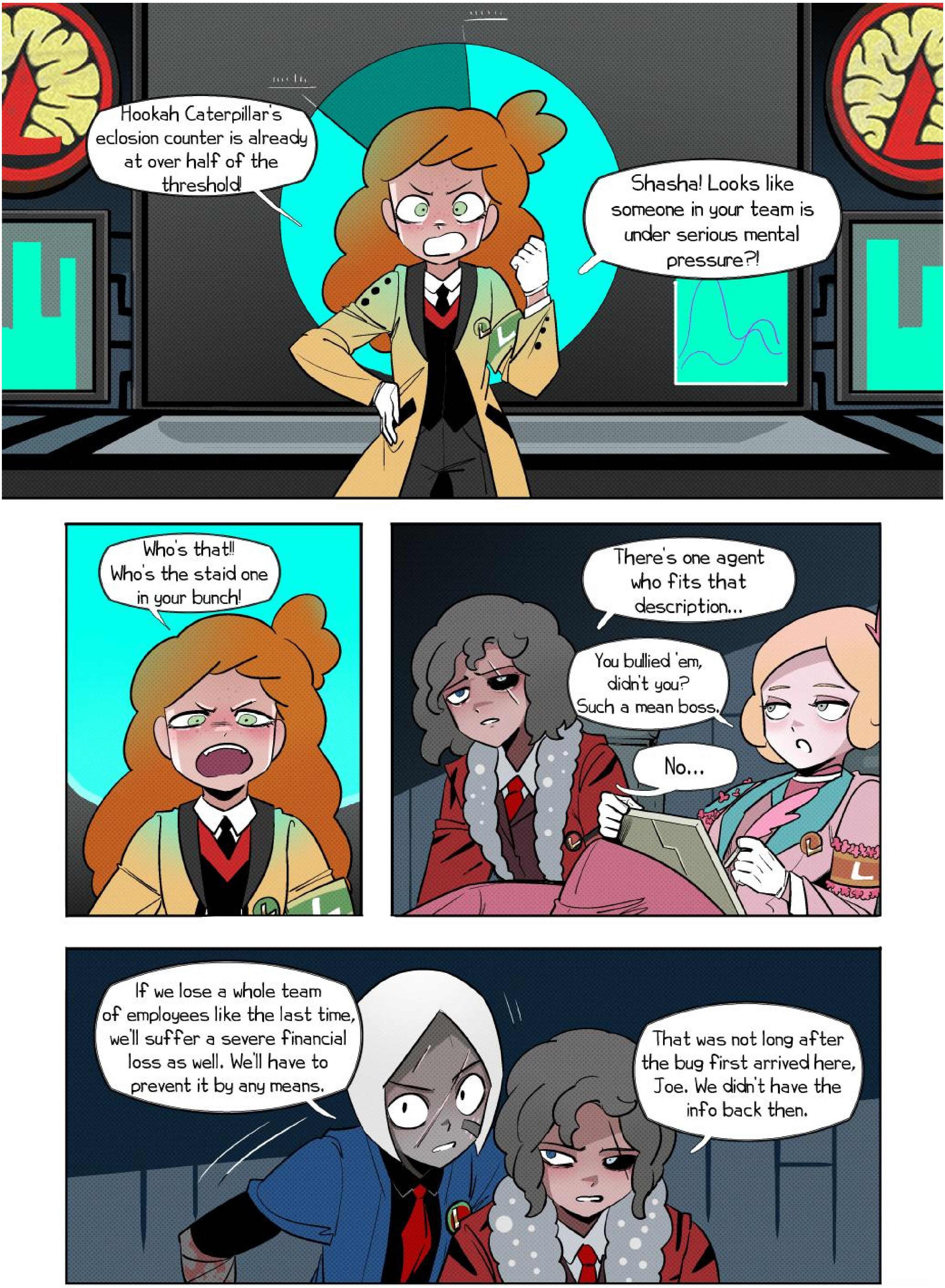
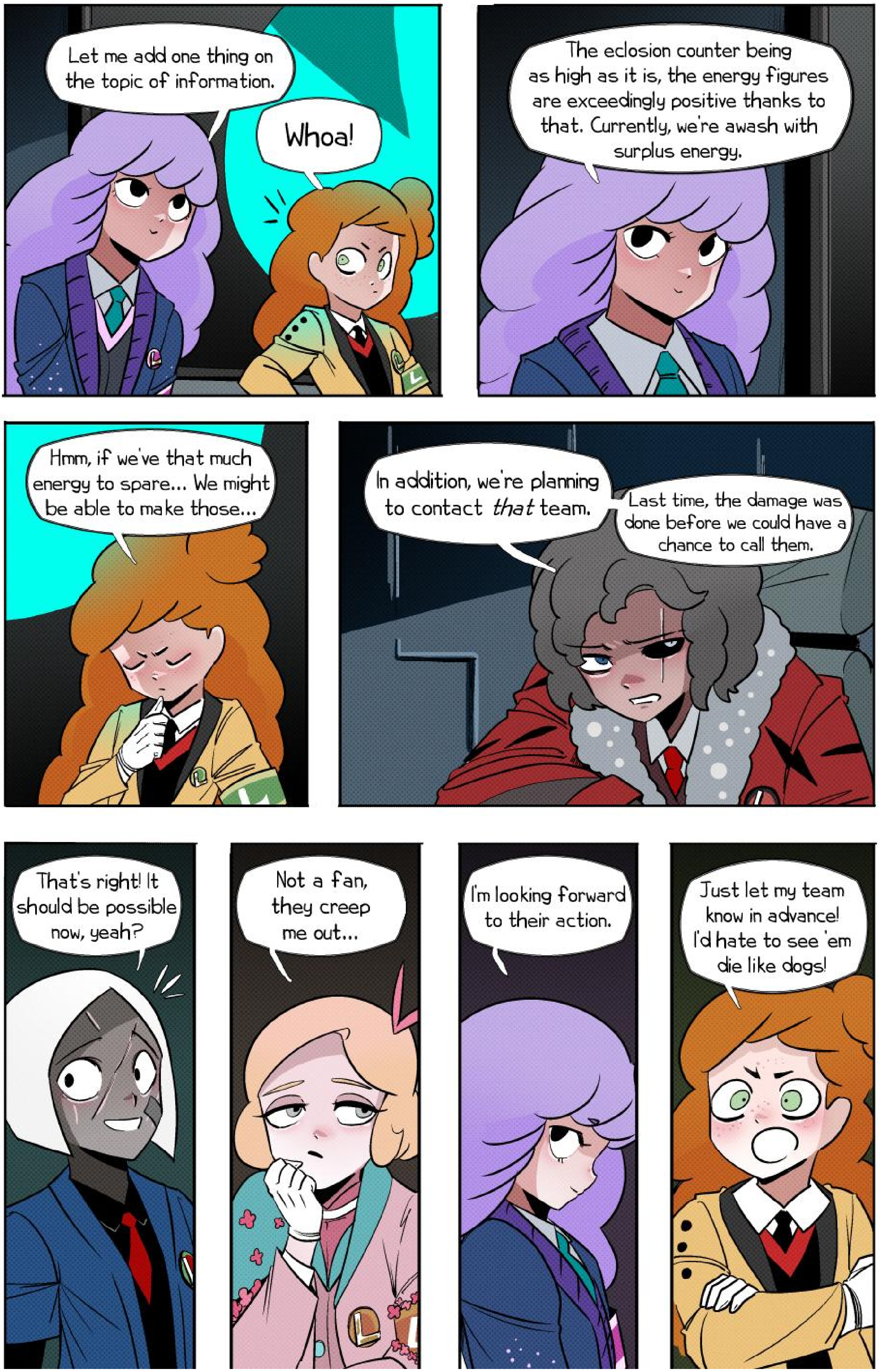
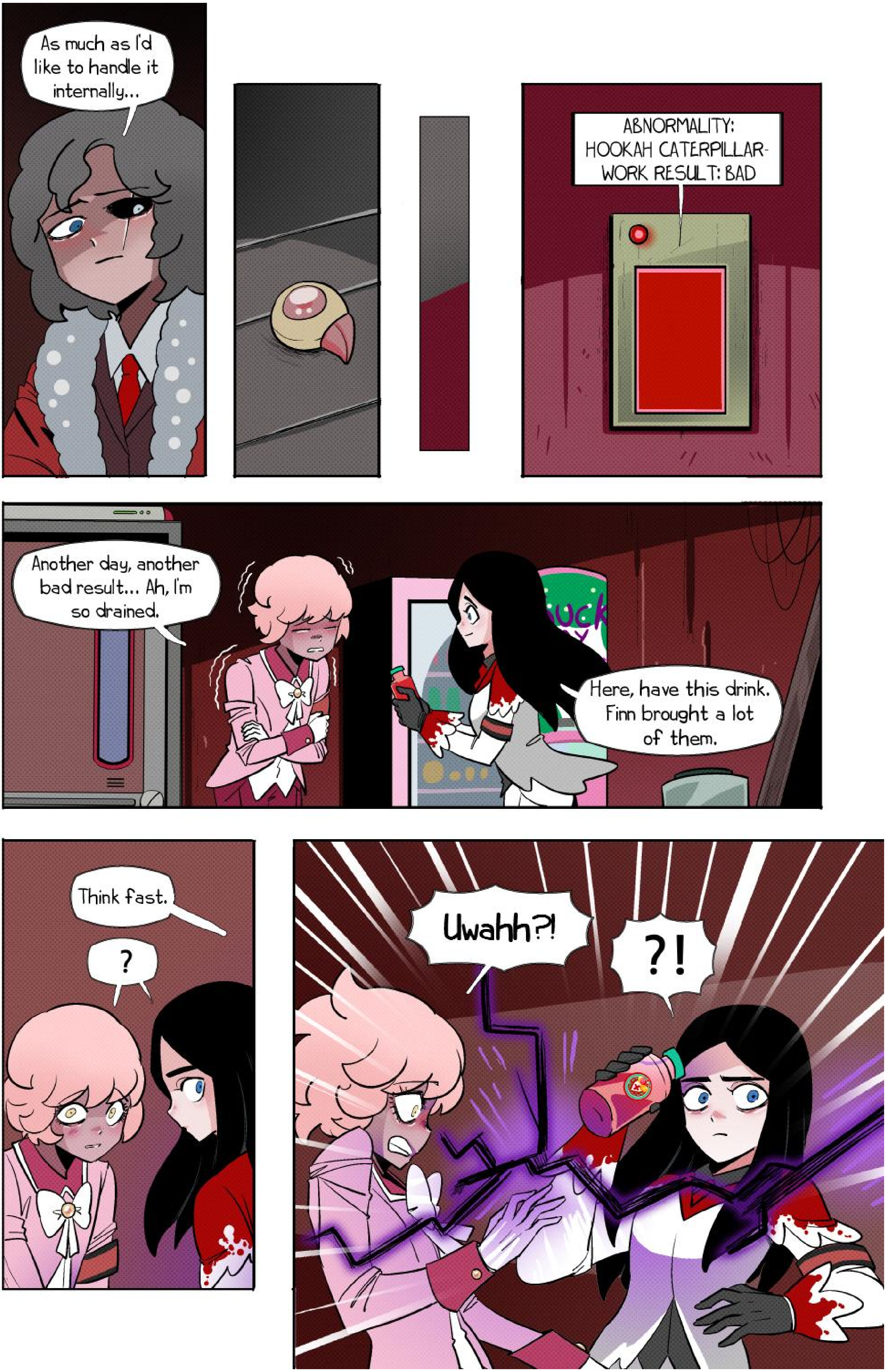

Hookah Caterpillar's eclosion counter is already at over half of the threshold!
Shasha! Looks like someone in your team is under serious mental pressure?!
Who's that!! Who's the staid one in your bunch!
There's one agent who fits that description...
You bullied 'em, didn't you? Such a mean boss.
No...
If we lose a whole team of employees like the last time, we'll suffer a severe financial loss as well. We'll have to prevent it by any means.
That was not long after the bug first arrived here, Joe. We didn't have the info back then.


Let me add one thing on the topic of information.
Whoa!
The eclosion counter being as high as it is, the energy figures are exceedingly positive thanks to that. Currently, we're awash with surplus energy.
Hmm, if we've that much energy to spare... We might be able to make those...
In addition, we're planning to contact *that* team.
Last time, the damage was done before we could have a chance to call them.
That's right! It should be possible now, yeah?
Not a fan, they creep me out...
I'm looking forward to their action.
Just let my team know in advance! I'd hate to see 'em die like dogs!


As much as I'd like to handle it internally...
ABNORMALITY: HOOKAH CATERPILLAR- WORK RESULT: BAD
Another day, another bad result... Ah, I'm so drained.
Here, have this drink. Finn brought a lot of them.
Think fast.
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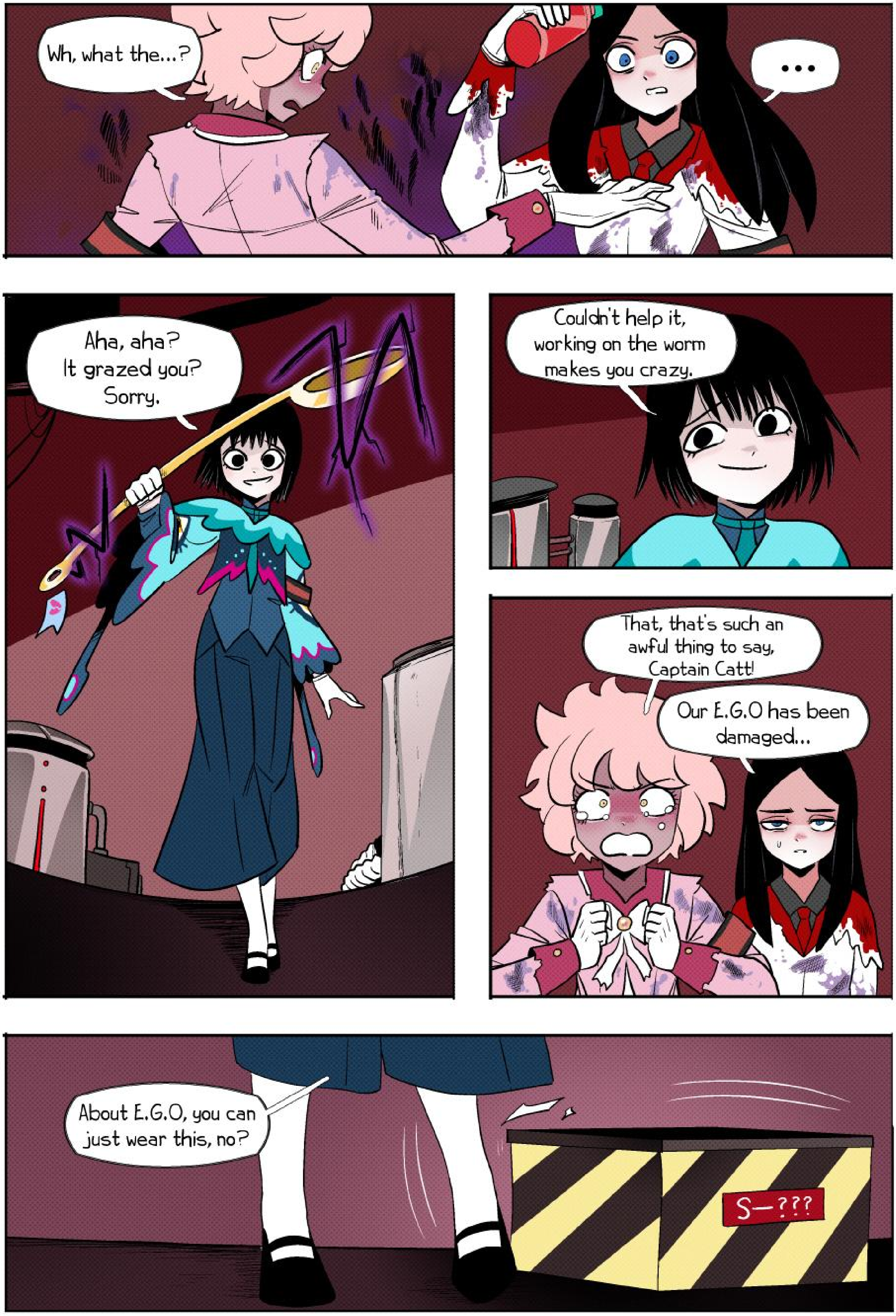
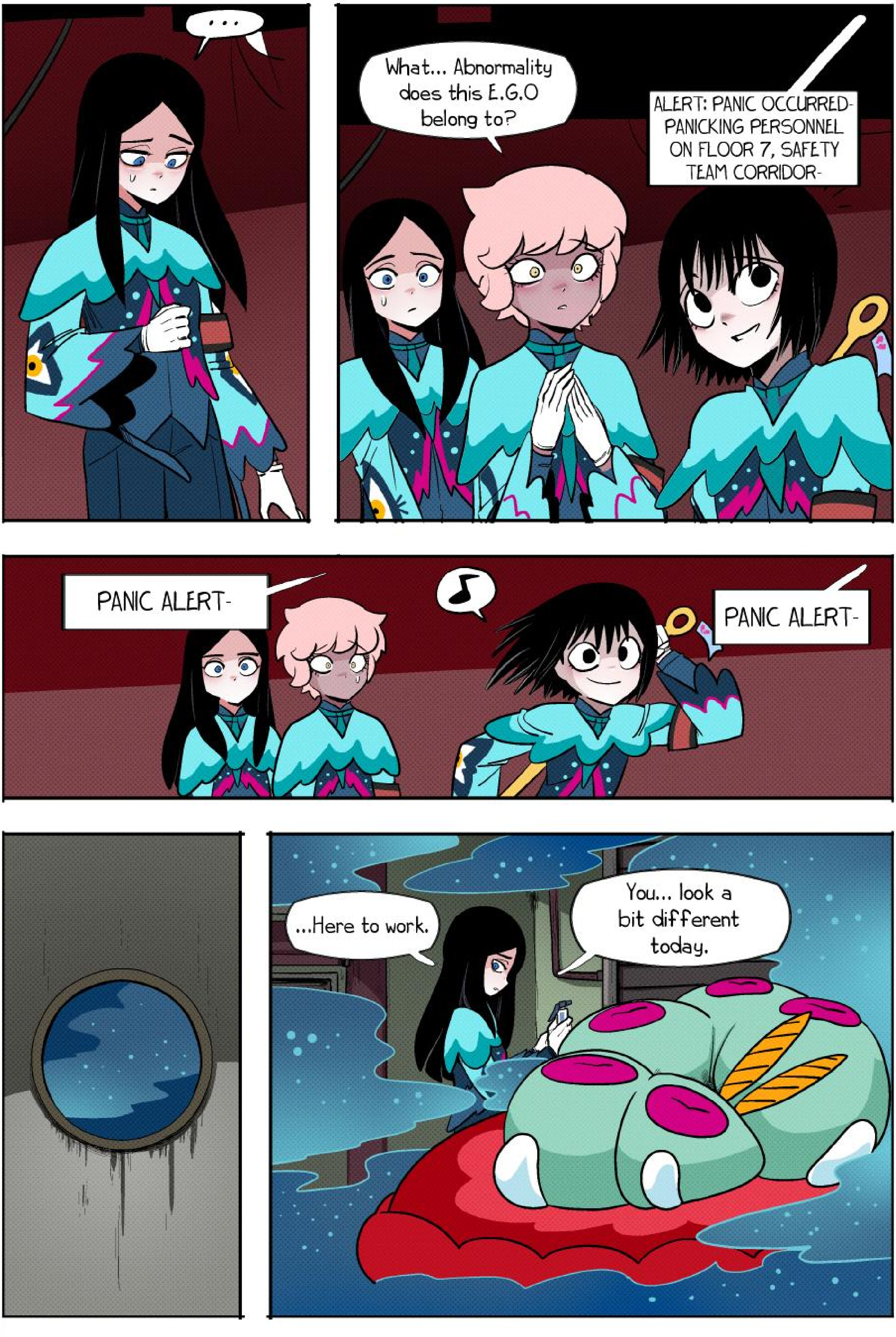
Uwahh?!
?!


Wh, what the...?
...
Aha, aha?
It grazed you?
Sorry.
Couldn't help it,
working on the worm
makes you crazy.
That, that's such an
awful thing to say,
Captain Catt!
Our E.G.O has been
damaged...
About E.G.O, you can
just wear this, no?
S—???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What... Abnormality does this E.G.O belong to?
ALERT: PANIC OCCURRED- PANICKING PERSONNEL ON FLOOR 7, SAFETY TEAM CORRIDOR-
PANIC ALERT-
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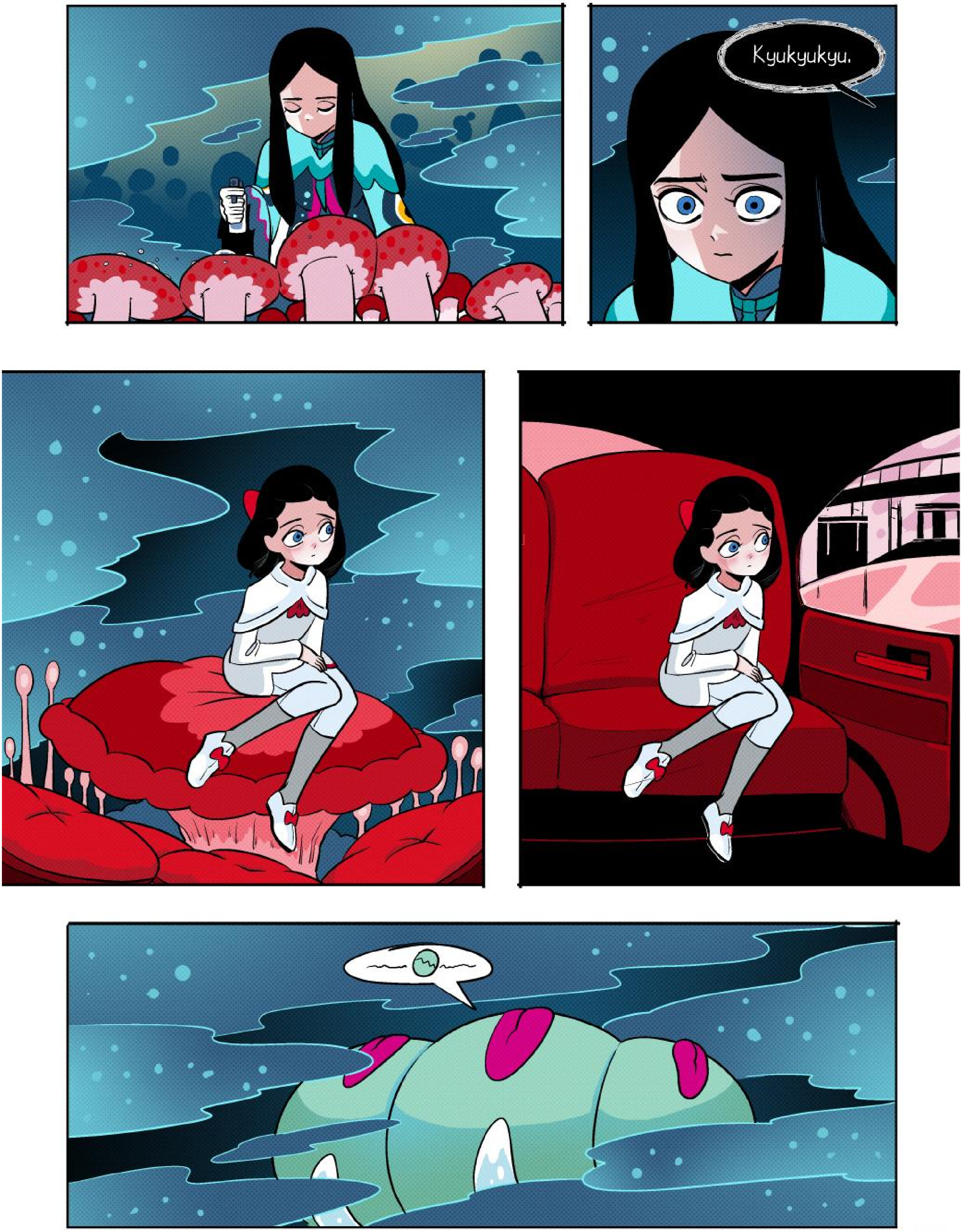
PANIC ALERT-
...Here to work.
You... look a bit different today.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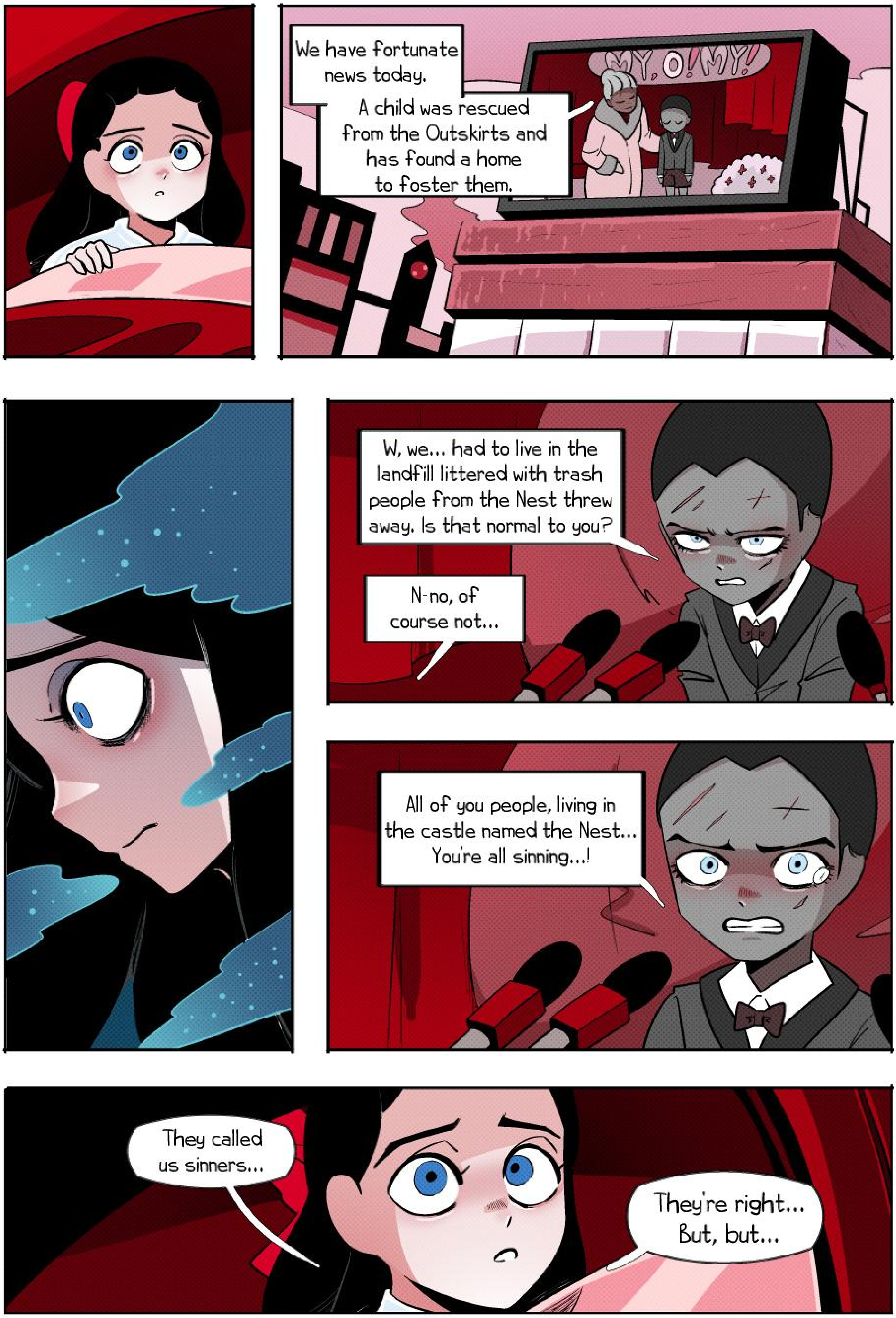
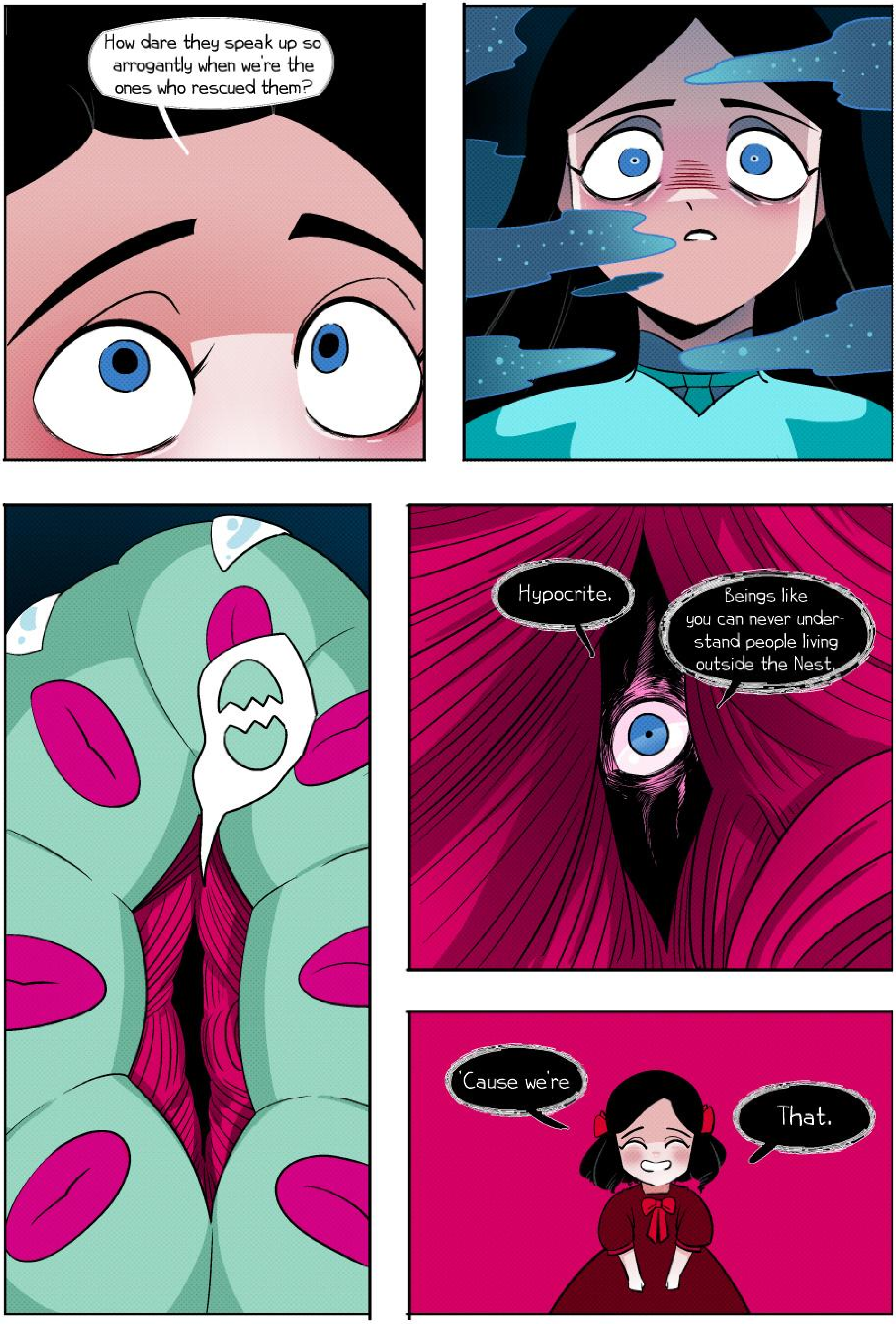
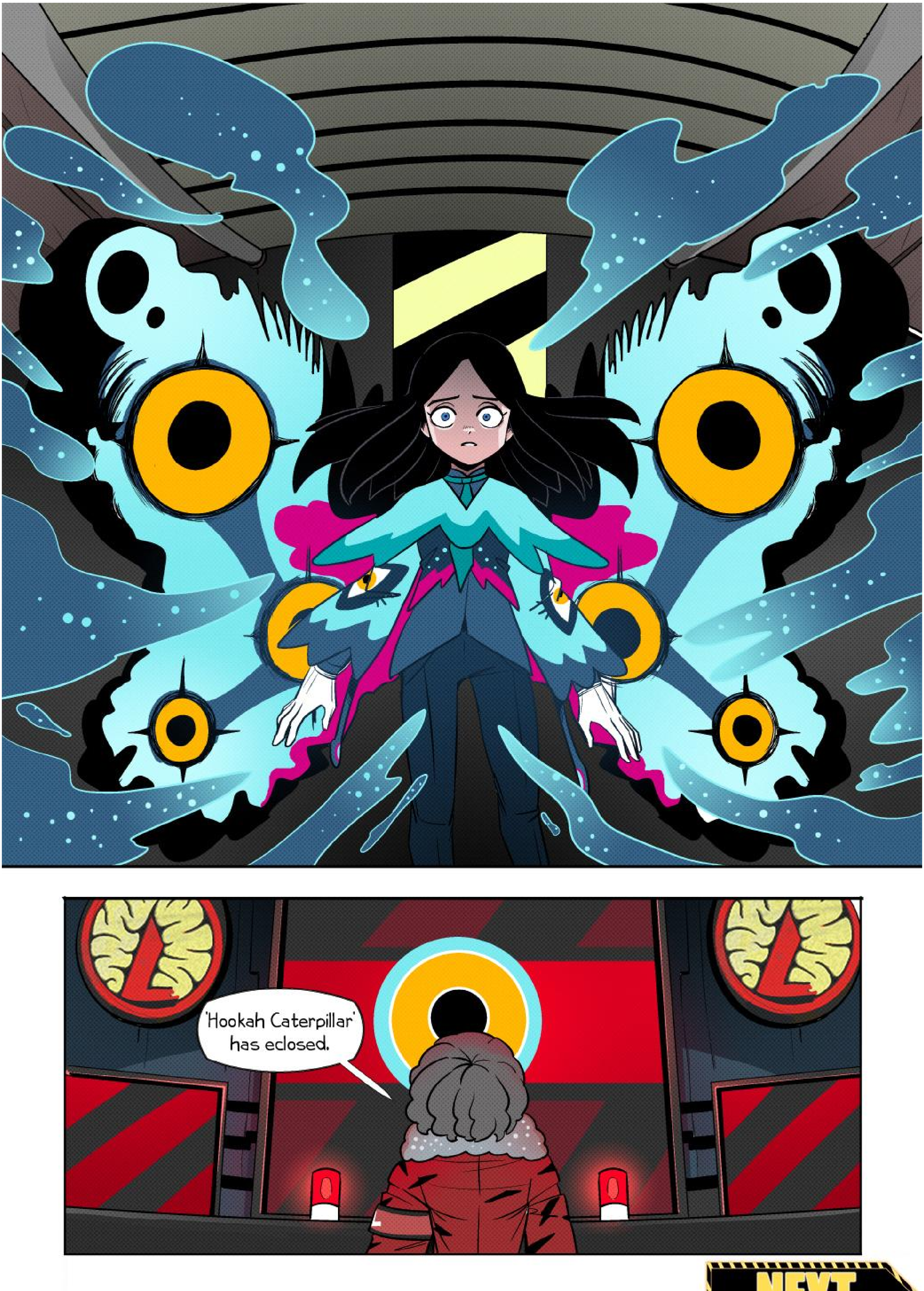

We have fortunate news today.
A child was rescued from the Outskirts and has found a home to foster them.
MY, O! MY!
W, we... had to live in the landfill littered with trash people from the Nest threw away. Is that normal to you?
N-no, of course not...
All of you people, living in the castle named the Nest... You're all sinning...!
They called us sinners...
They're right... But, but...


How dare they speak up so arrogantly when we're the ones who rescued them?
Hypocrite.
Beings like you can never understand people living outside the Nest.
'Cause we're
That.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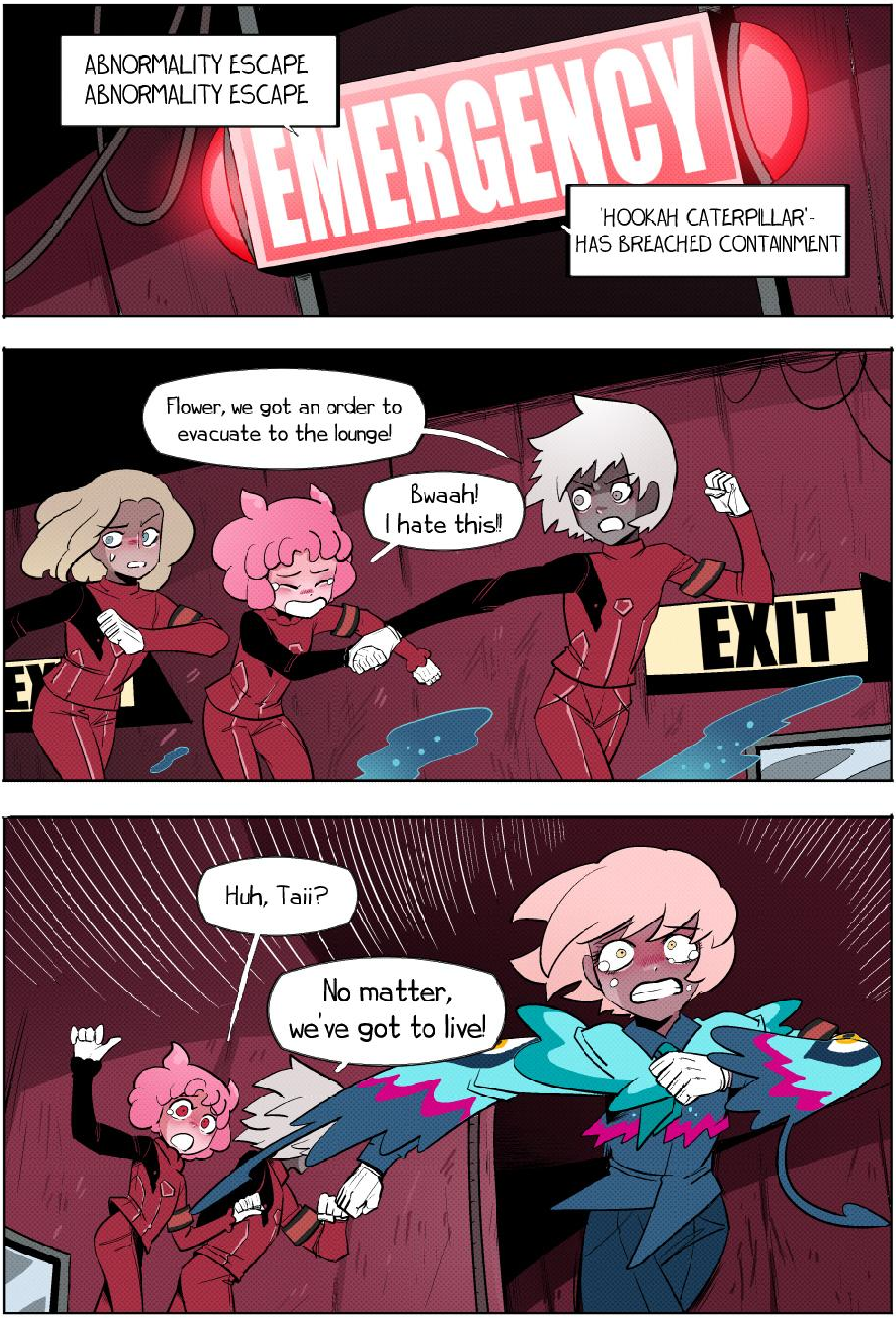
ABNORMALITY ESCAPE
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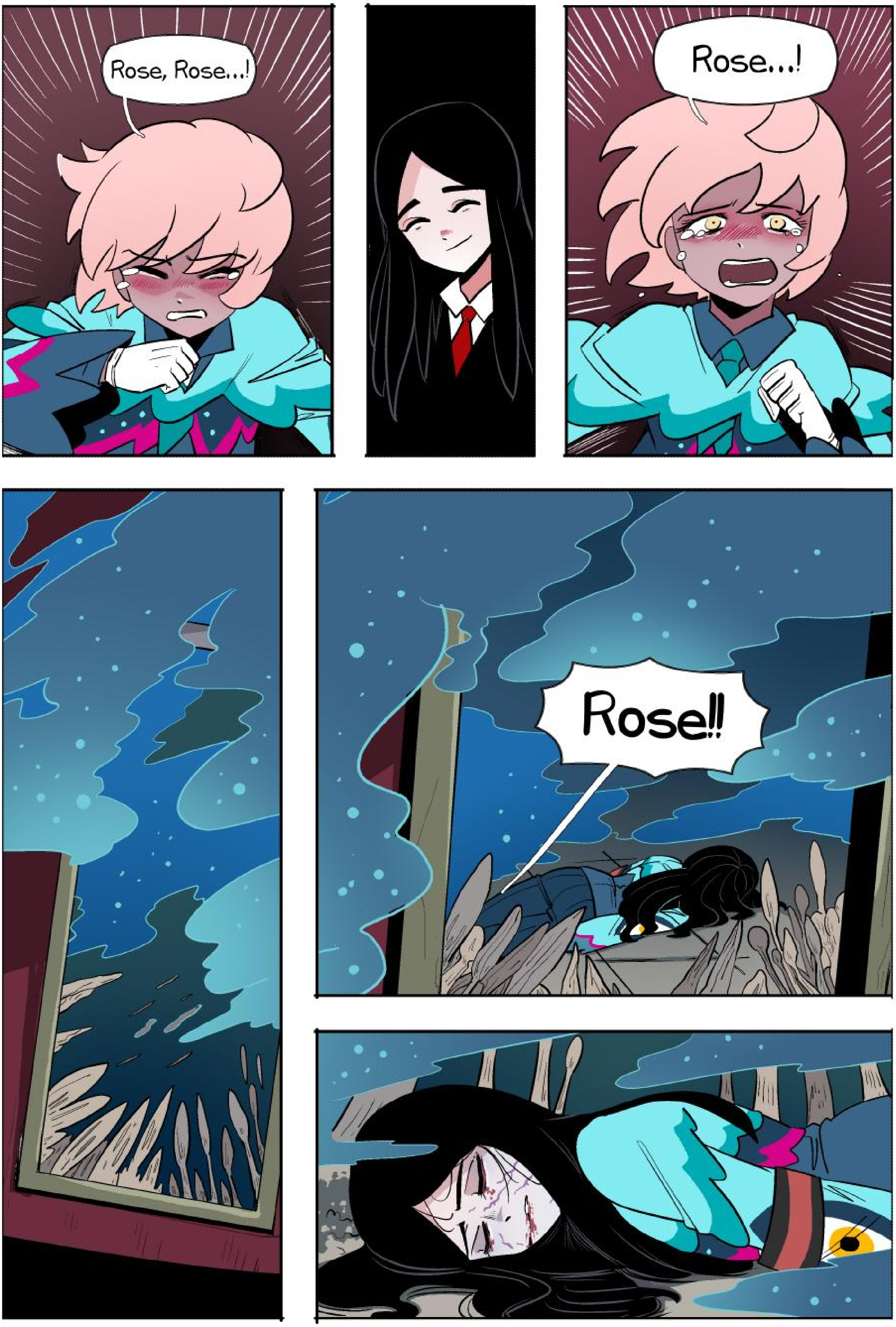
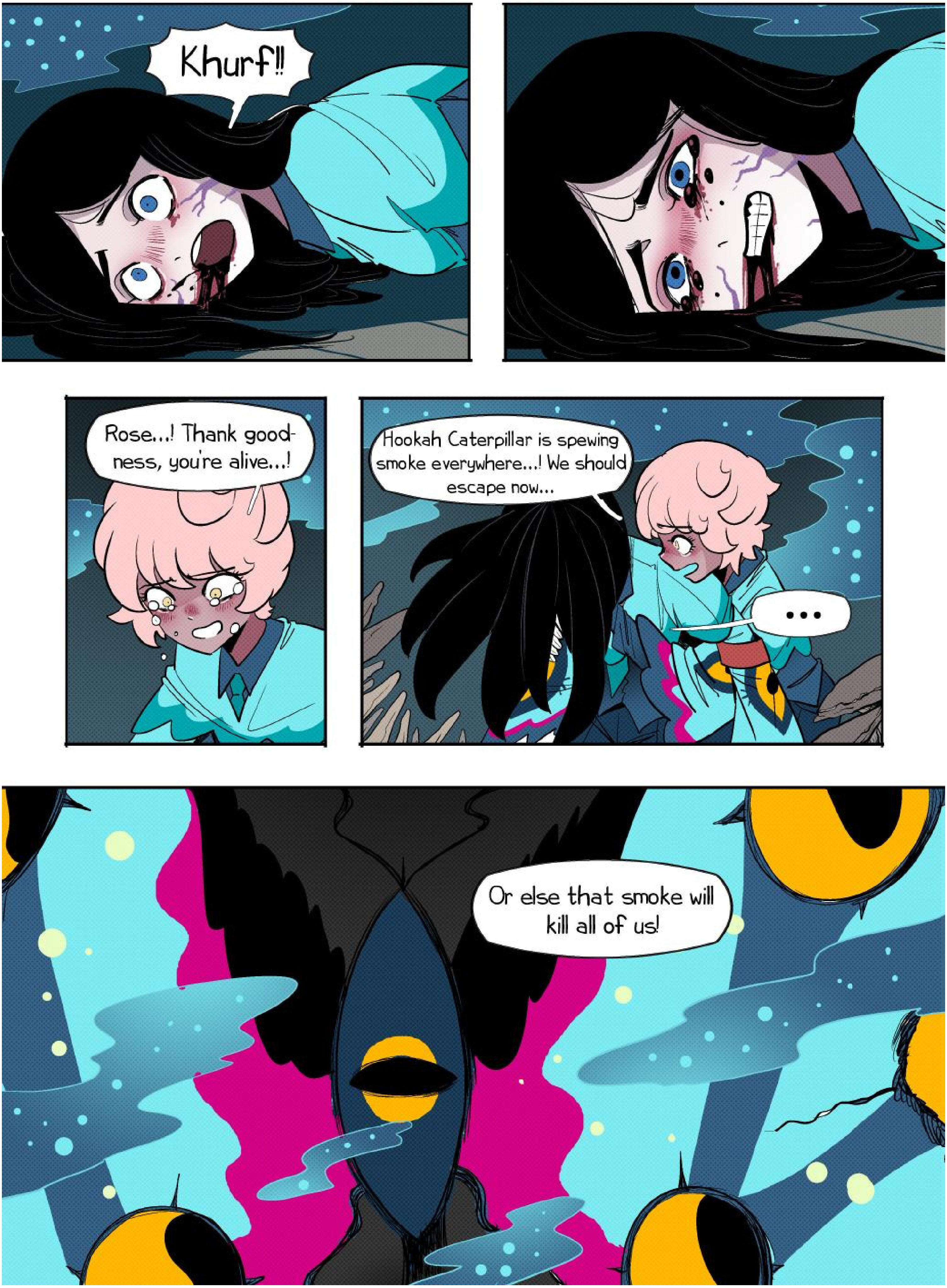
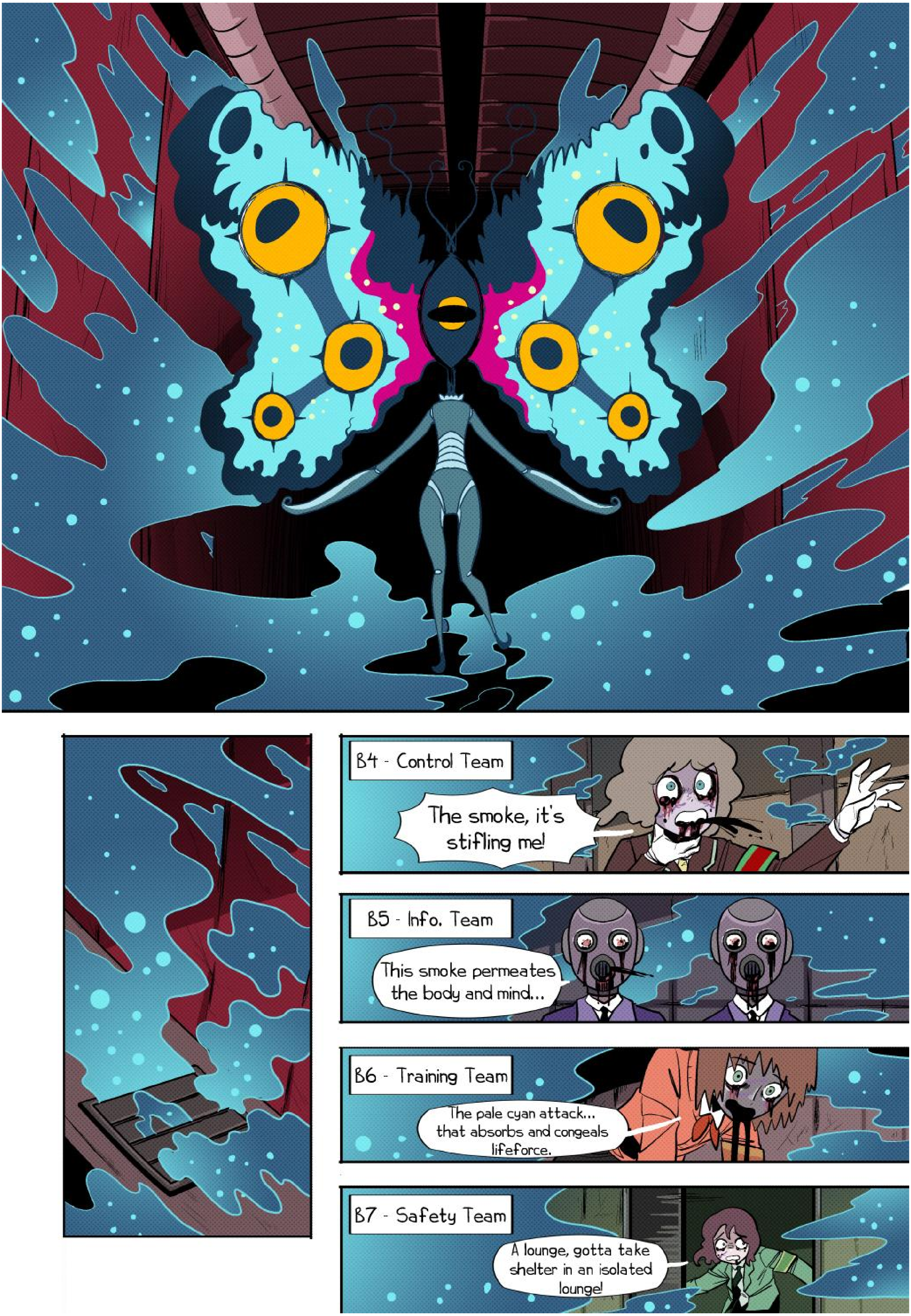
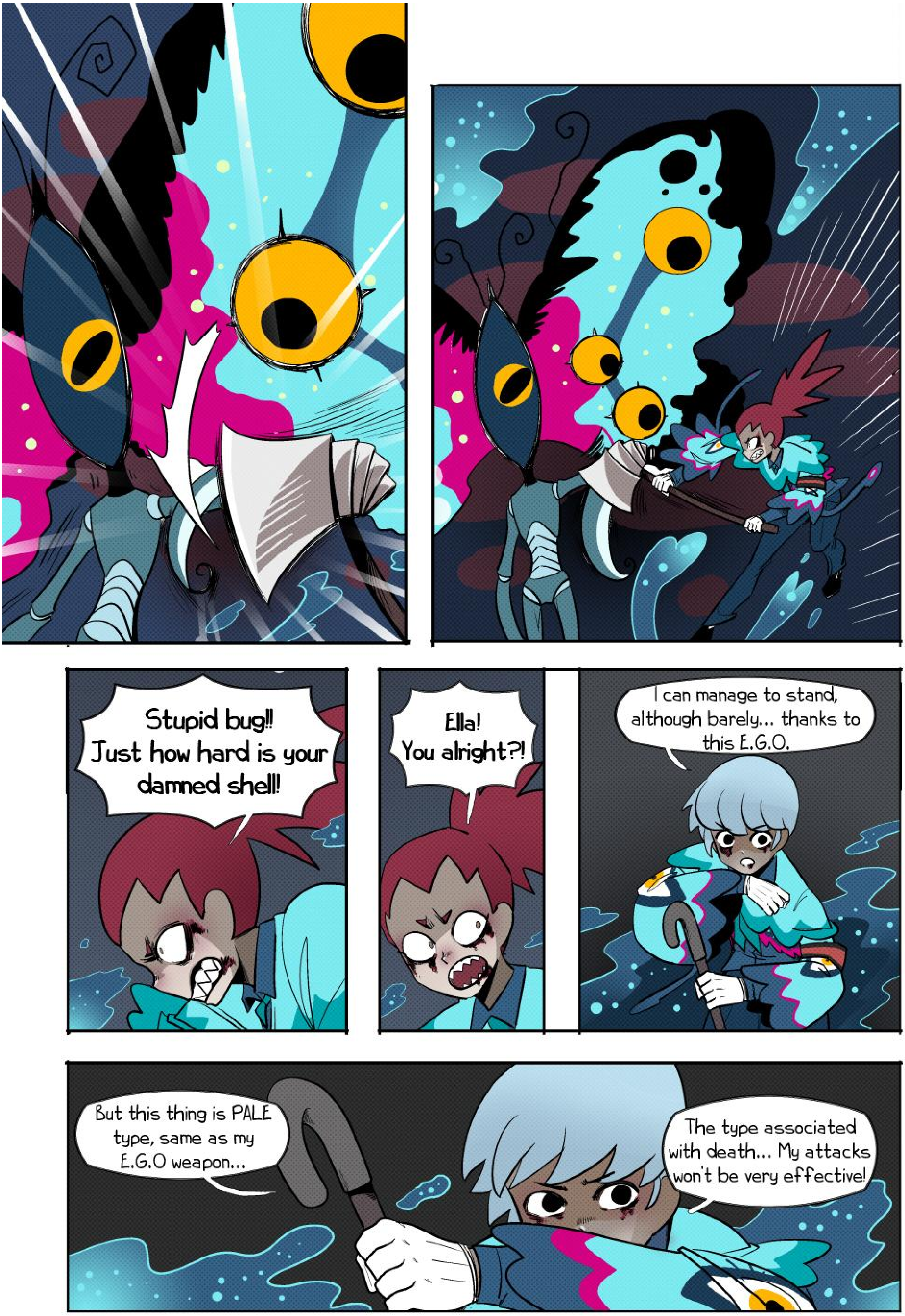
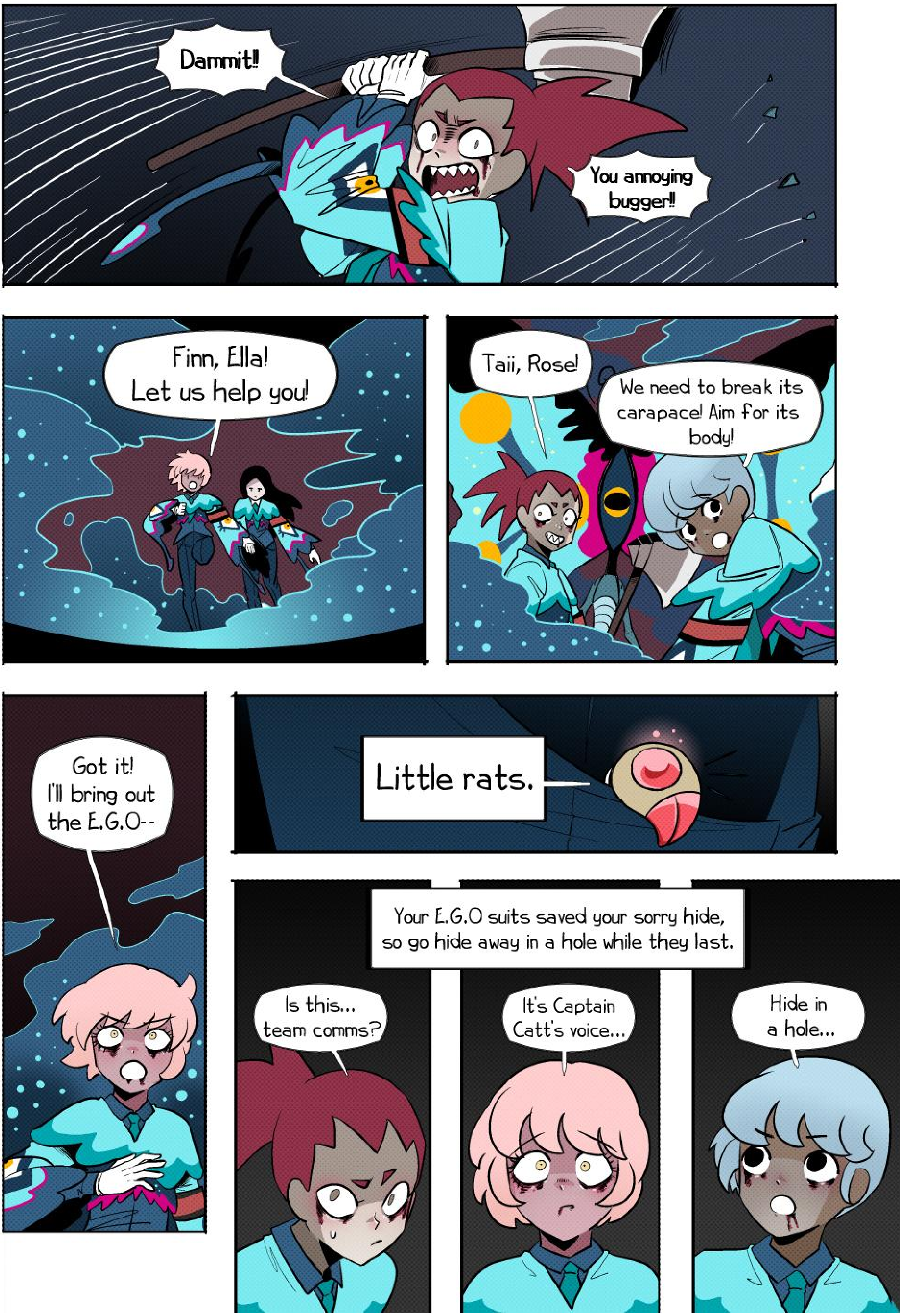
EMERGENCY
'HOOKAH CATERPILLAR'- HAS BREACHED CONTAINMENT
Flower, we got an order to evacuate to the lounge!
Bwaah! I hate this!!
EXIT
Huh, Taii?
No matter, we've got to live!

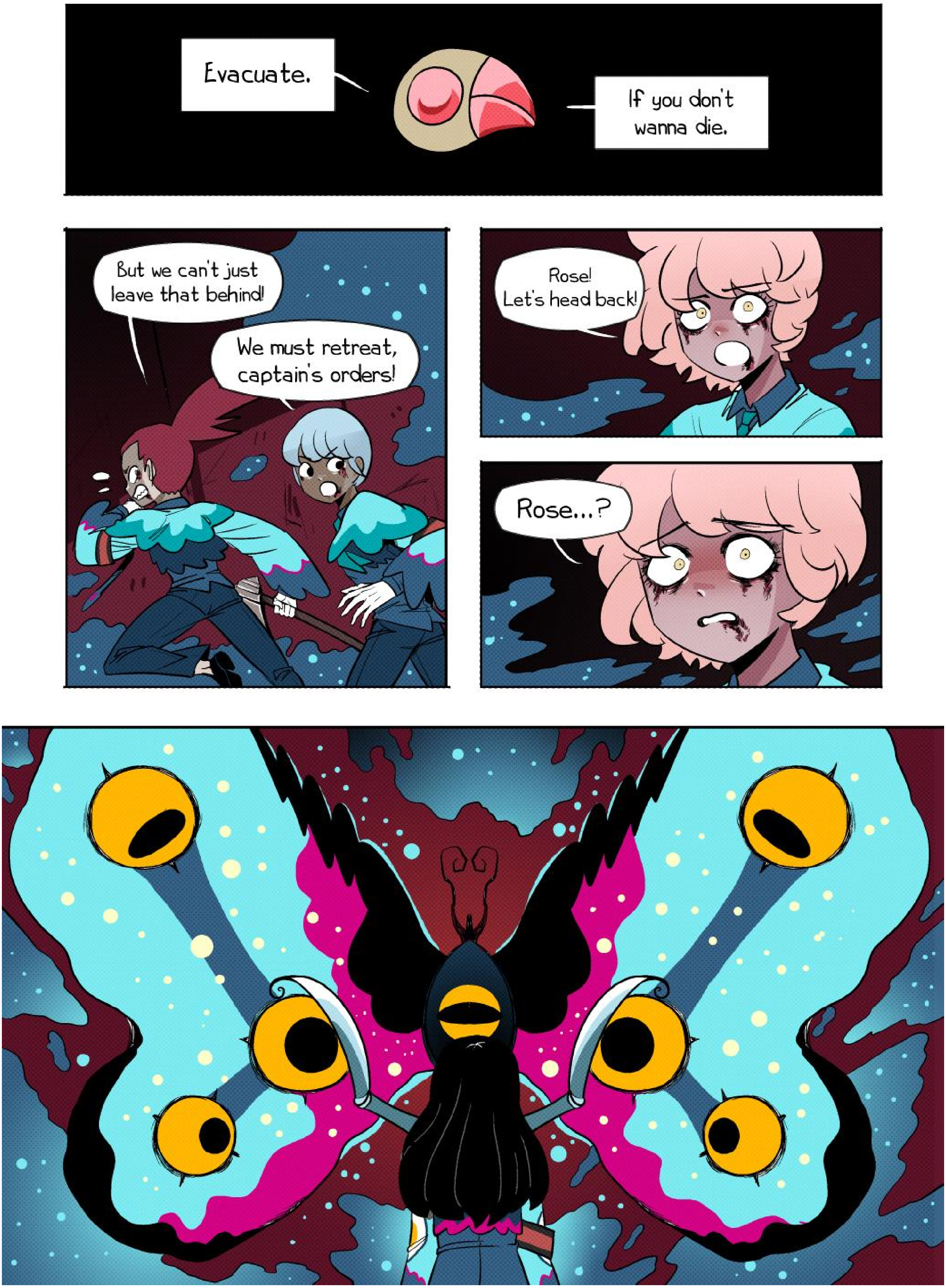

Rose, Rose...!
Rose...!
Rose!!

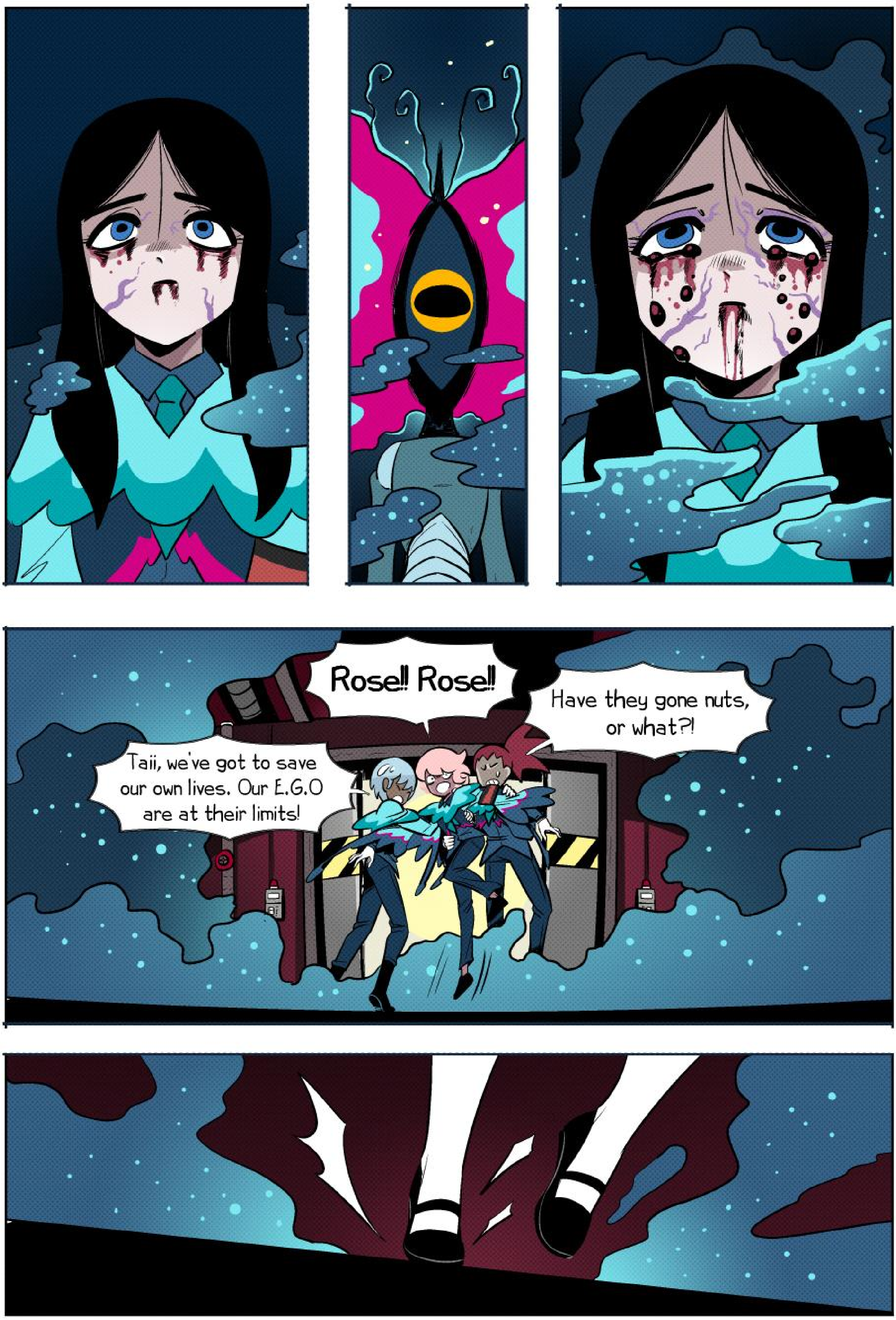

Khurf!!
Rose...! Thank goodness, you're alive...!
Hookah Caterpillar is spewing smoke everywhere...! We should escape now...
...
Or else that smoke will kill all of us!

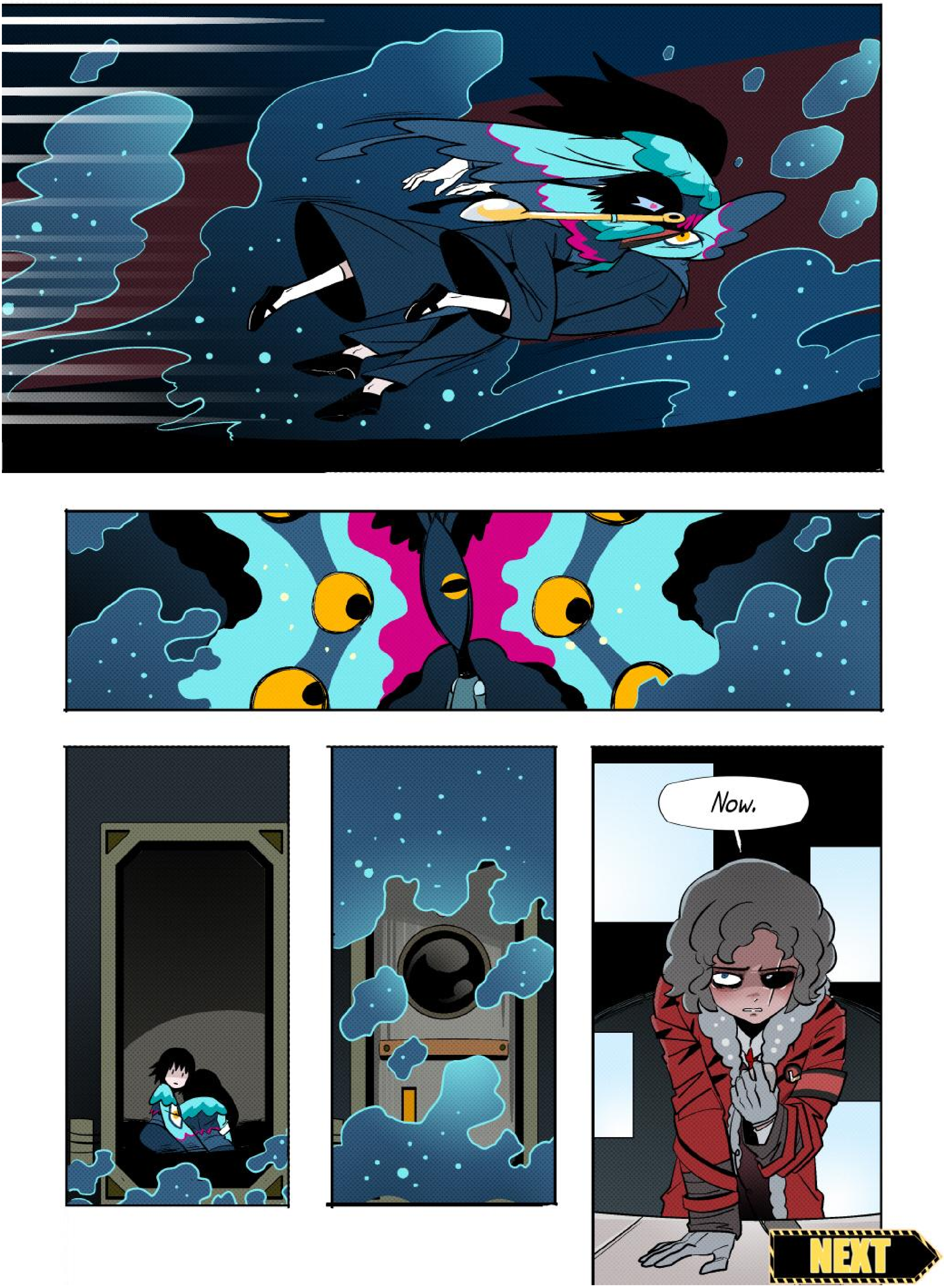

B4 - Control Team
The smoke, it's stifling me!
B5 - Info. Team
This smoke permeates the body and mind...
B6 - Training Team
The pale cyan attack... that absorbs and congeals lifeforce.
B7 - Safety Team
A lounge, gotta take shelter in an isolated lounge!


Stupid bug!! Just how hard is your damned shell!
Ella! You alright?!
I can manage to stand, although barely... thanks to this E.G.O.
But this thing is PALE type, same as my E.G.O weapon...
The type associated with death... My attacks won't be very effective!


Dammit!!
You annoying bugger!!
Finn, Ella! Let us help you!
Taii, Rose!
We need to break its carapace! Aim for its body!
Got it! I'll bring out the E.G.O--
Little rats.
Your E.G.O suits saved your sorry hide, so go hide away in a hole while they last.
Is this... team comms?
It's Captain Catt's voice...
Hide in a hole...


Evacuate.
If you don't wanna die.
But we can't just leave that behind!
We must retreat, captain's orders!
Rose! Let's head back!
Rose...?


Rose!! Rose!!
Have they gone nuts, or what?!
Taii, we've got to save our own lives. Our E.G.O are at their limits!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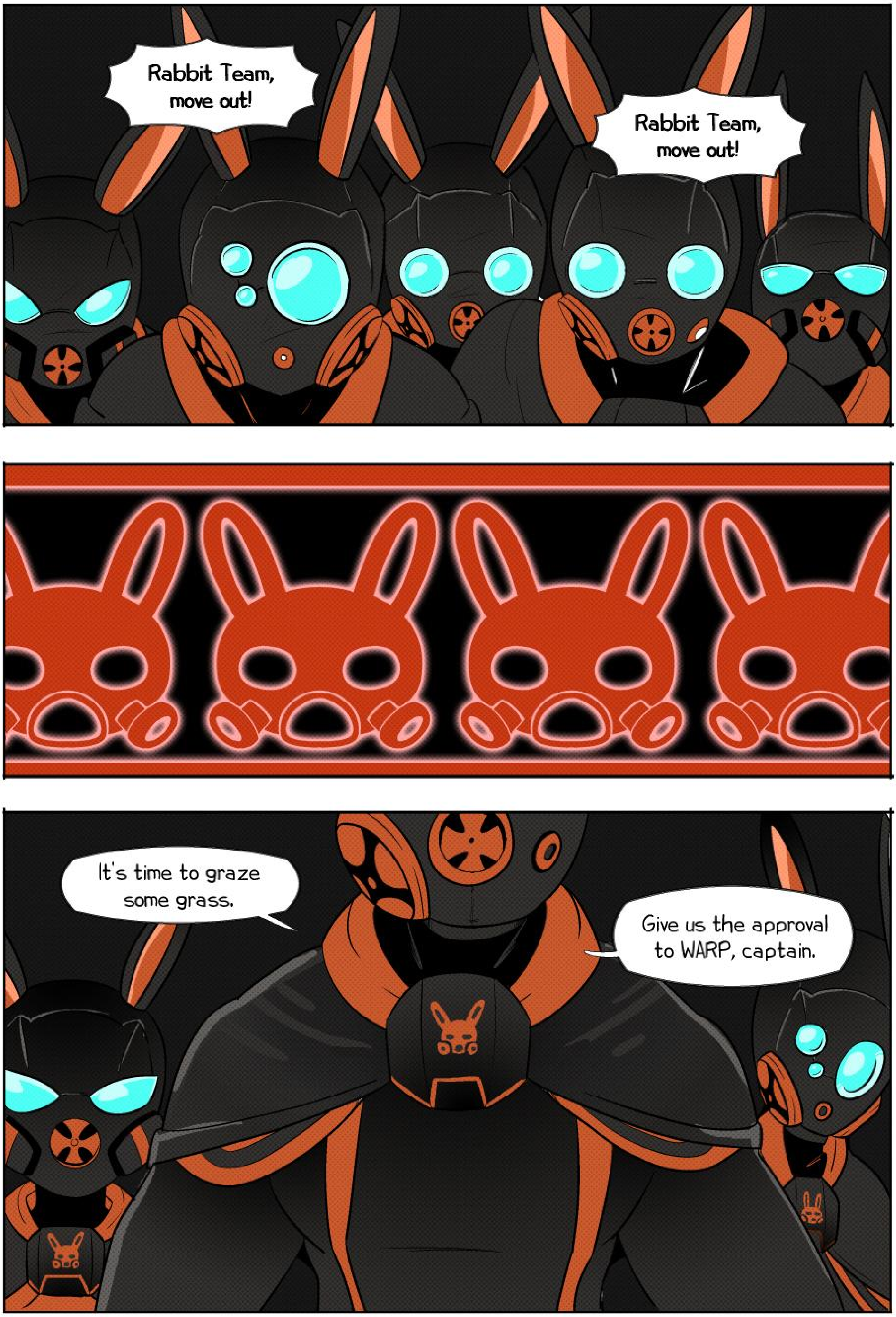
Rabbit Team, move out!
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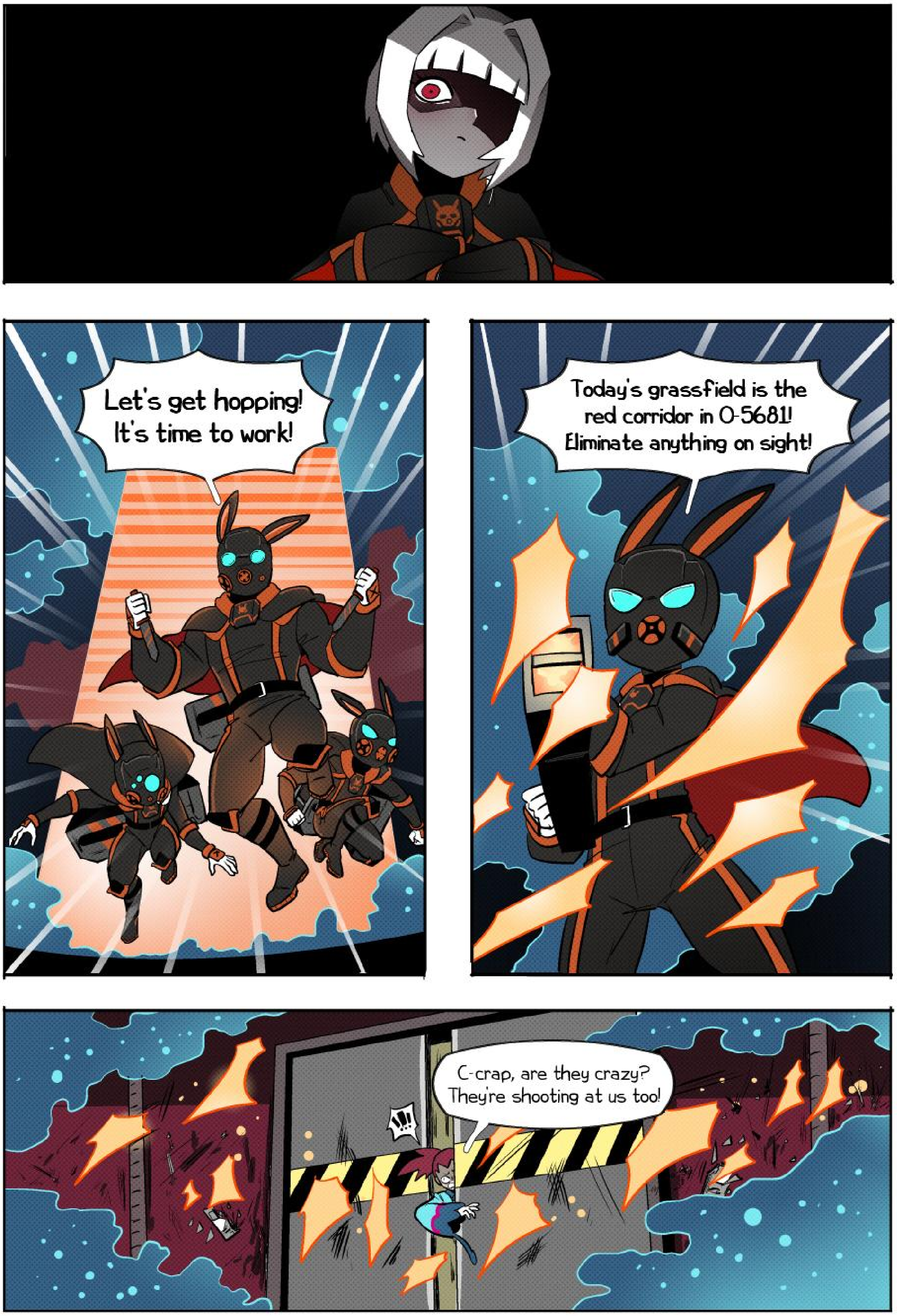
It's time to graze some grass.
Give us the approval to WARP, captain.


Let's get hopping! It's time to work!
Today's grassfield is the red corridor in O-5681! Eliminate anything on sight!
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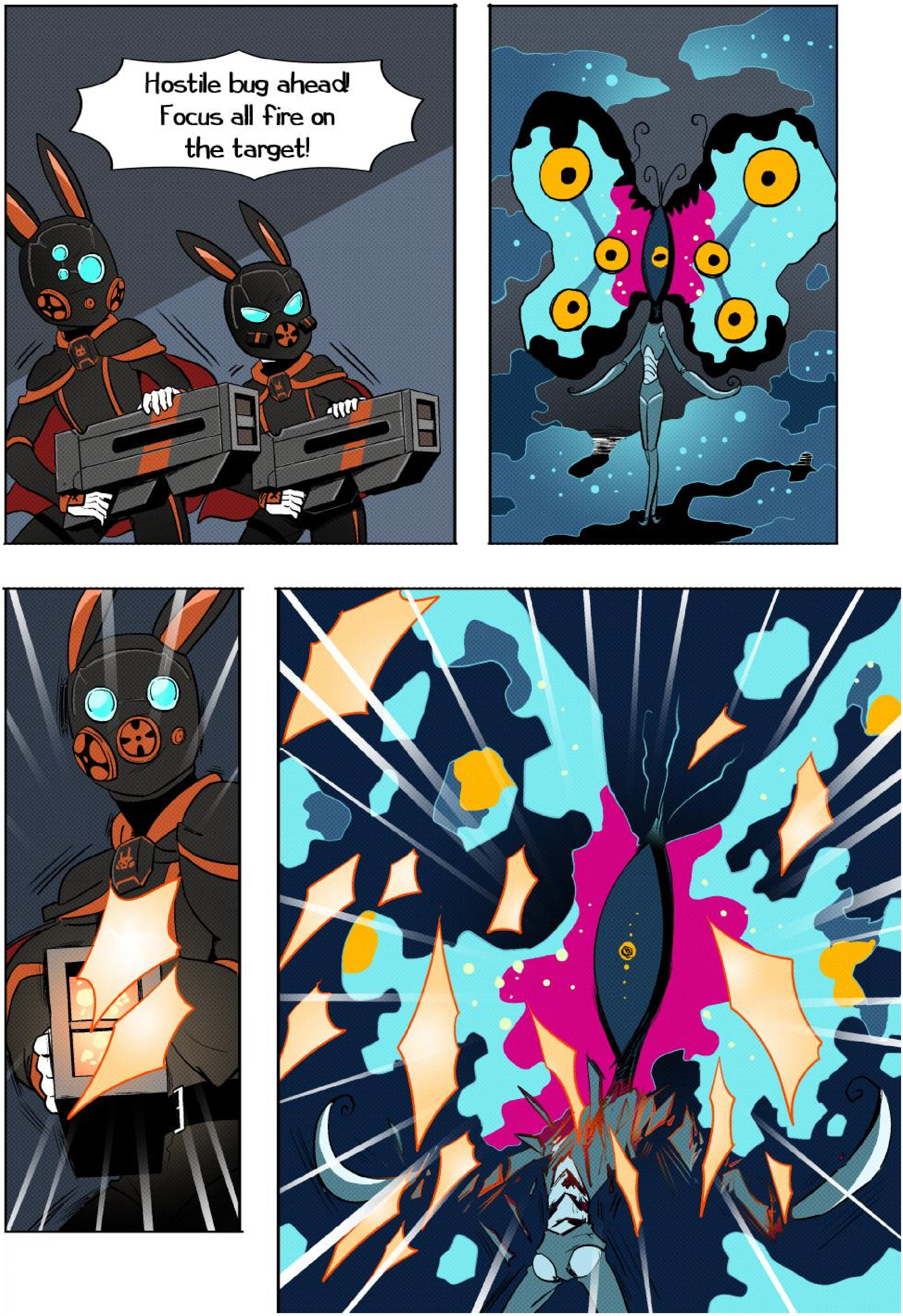
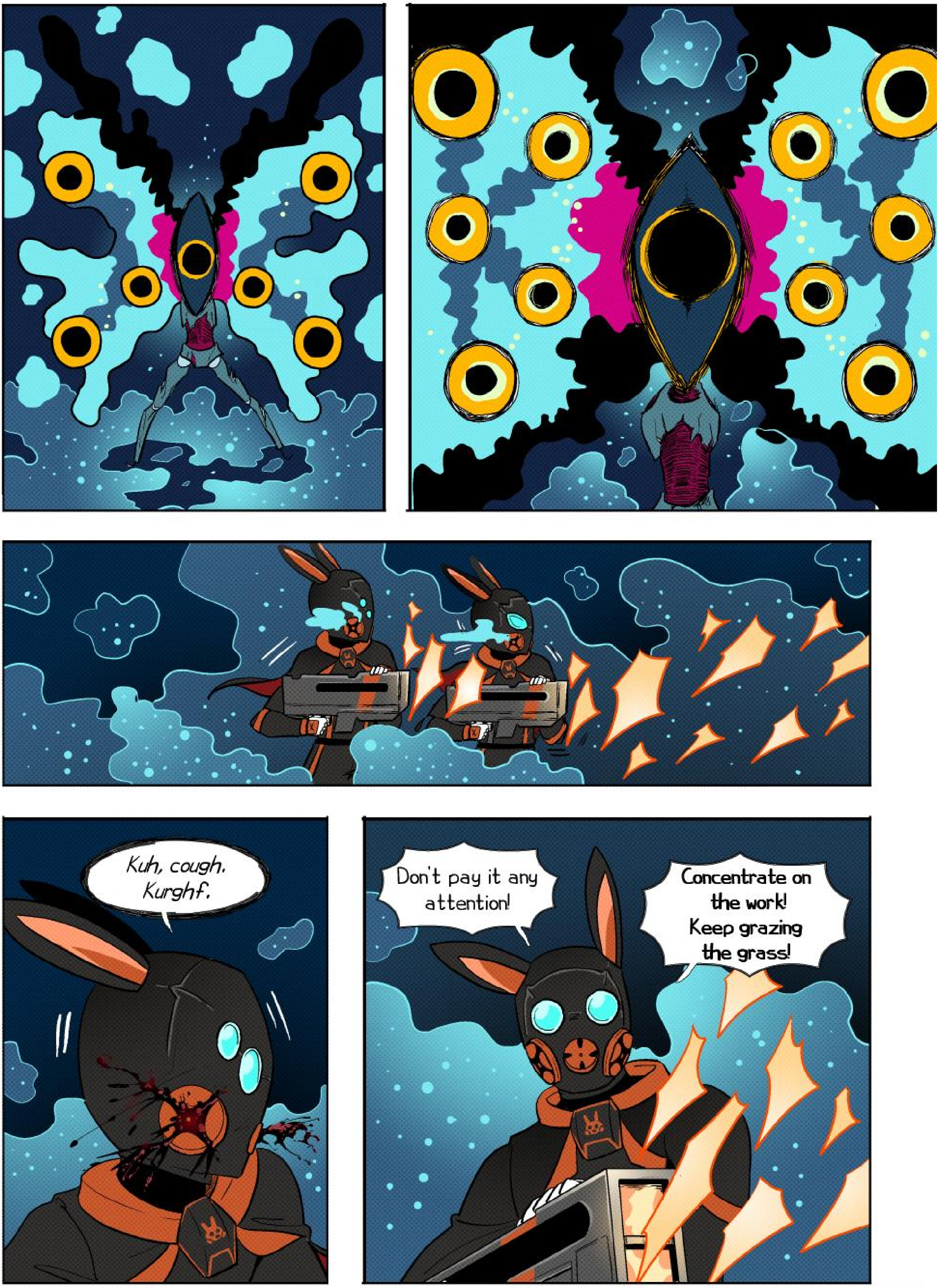
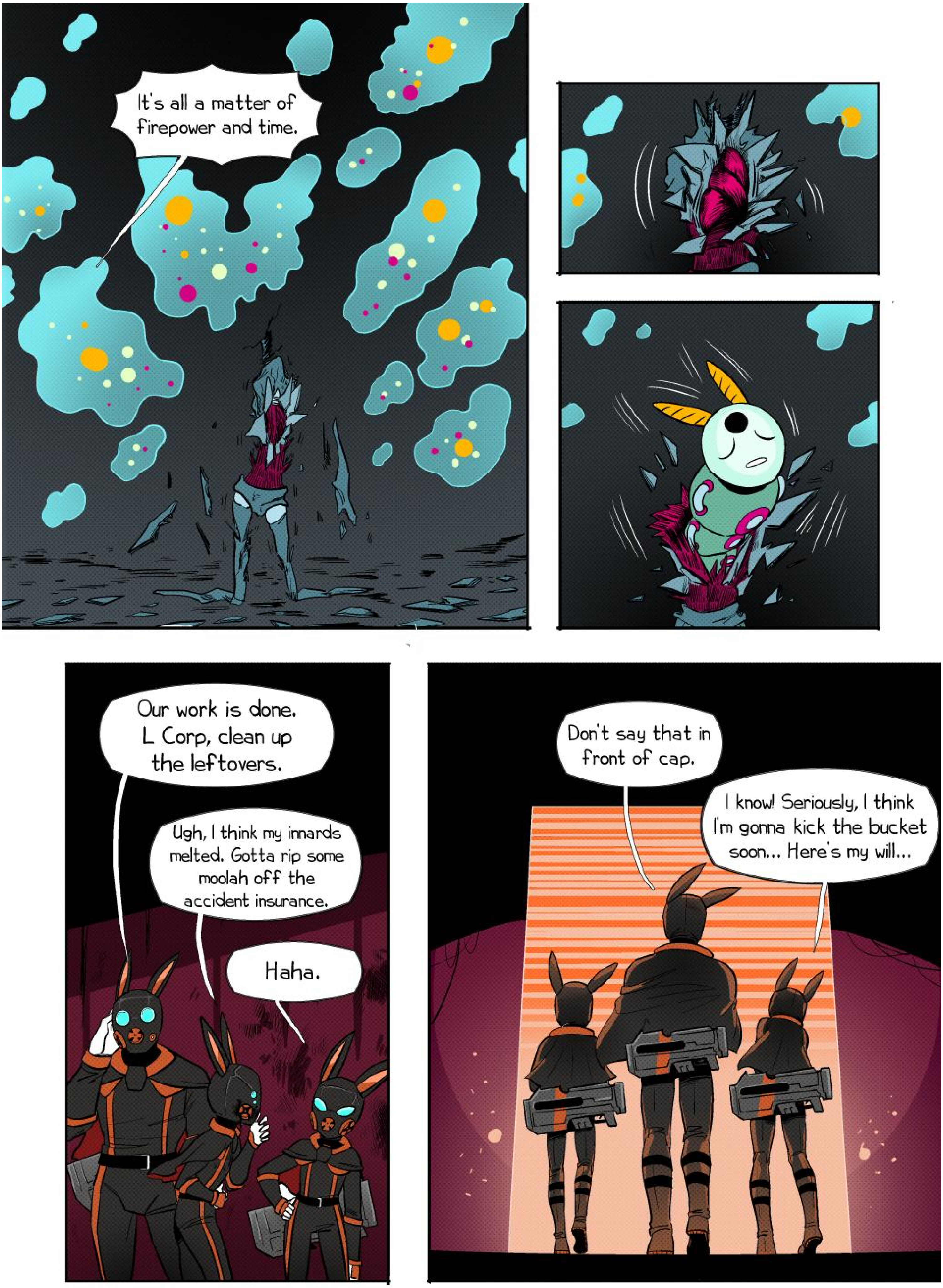
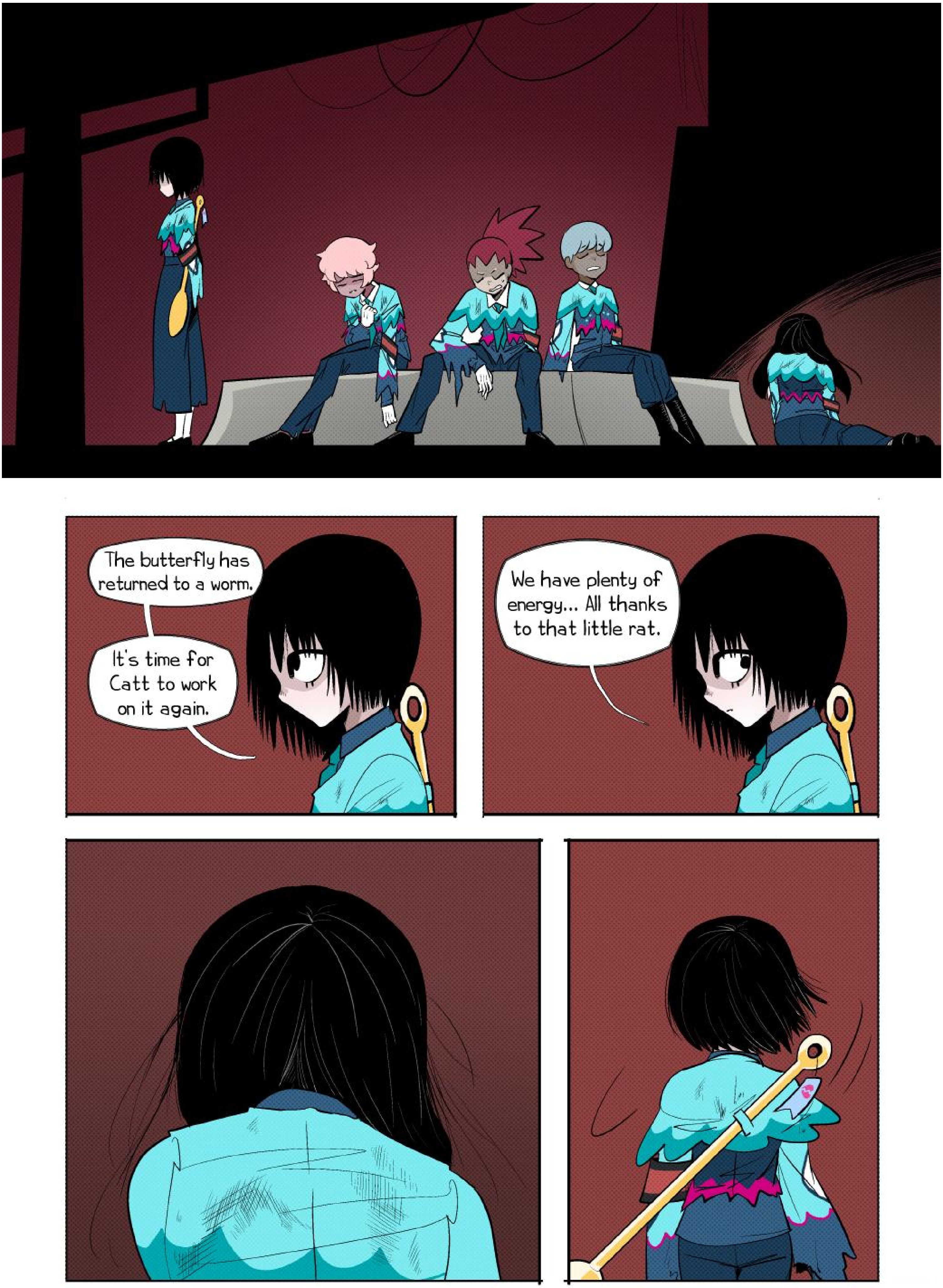
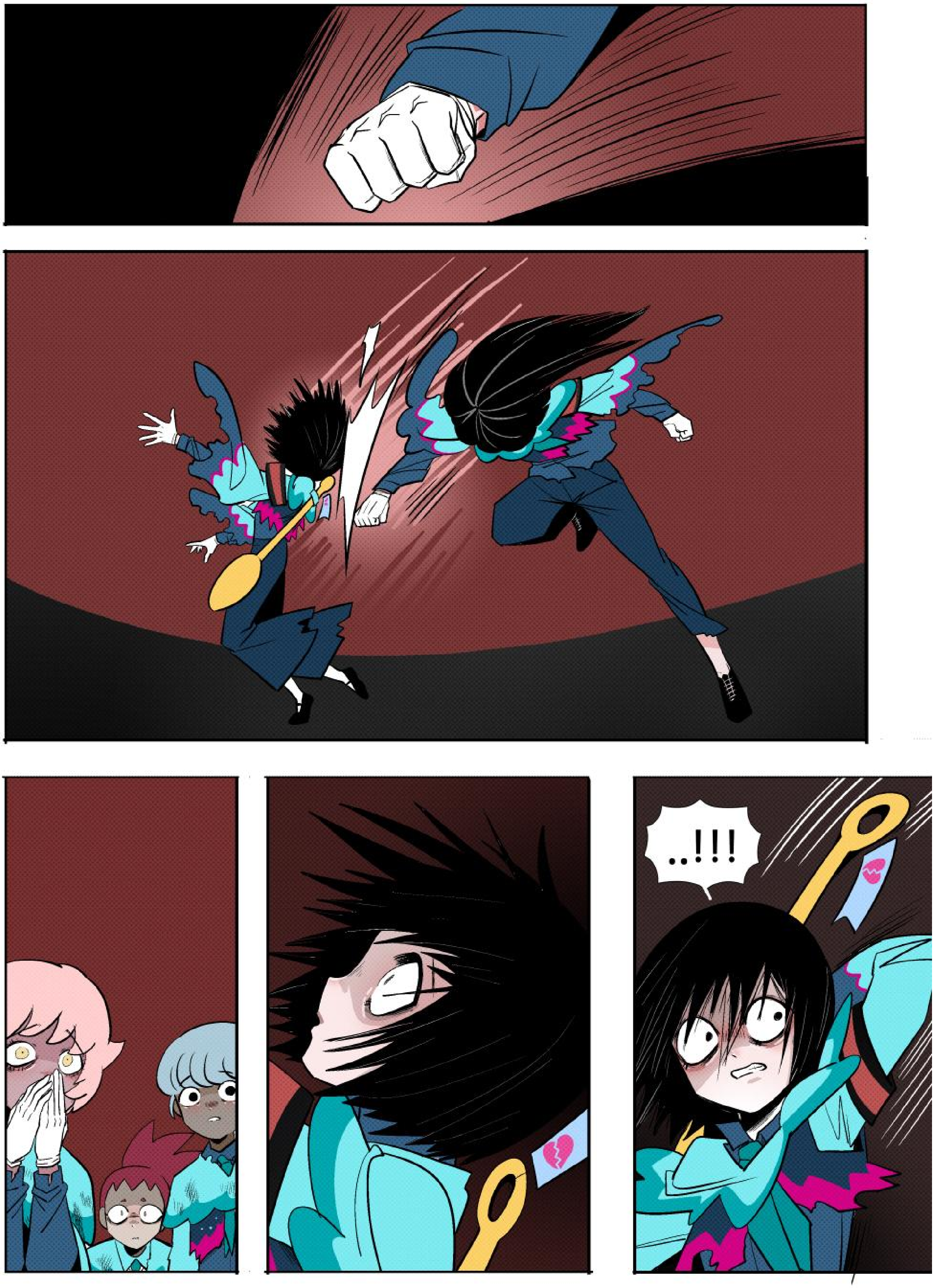
C-crap, are they crazy? They're shooting at us too!

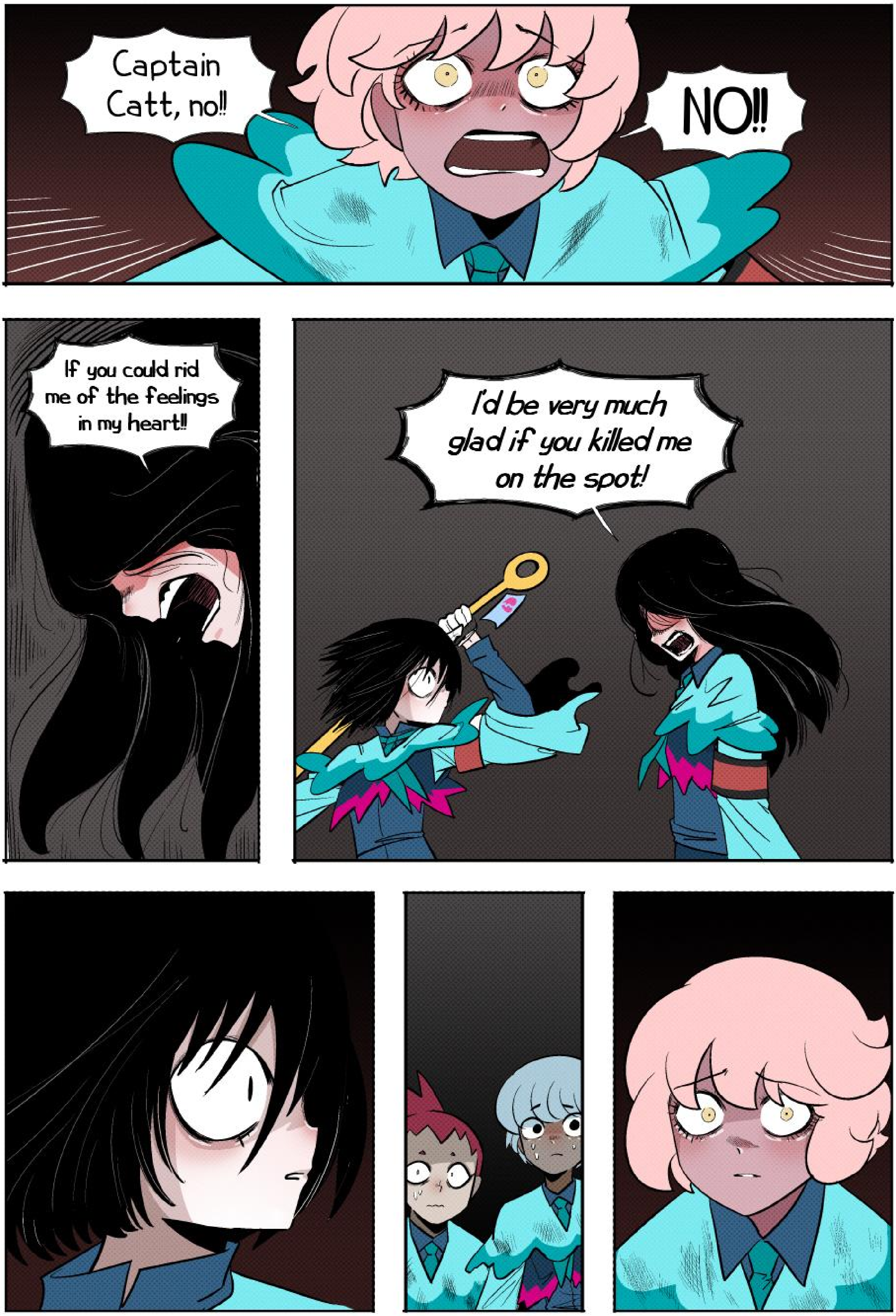

Hostile bug ahead! Focus all fire on the target!

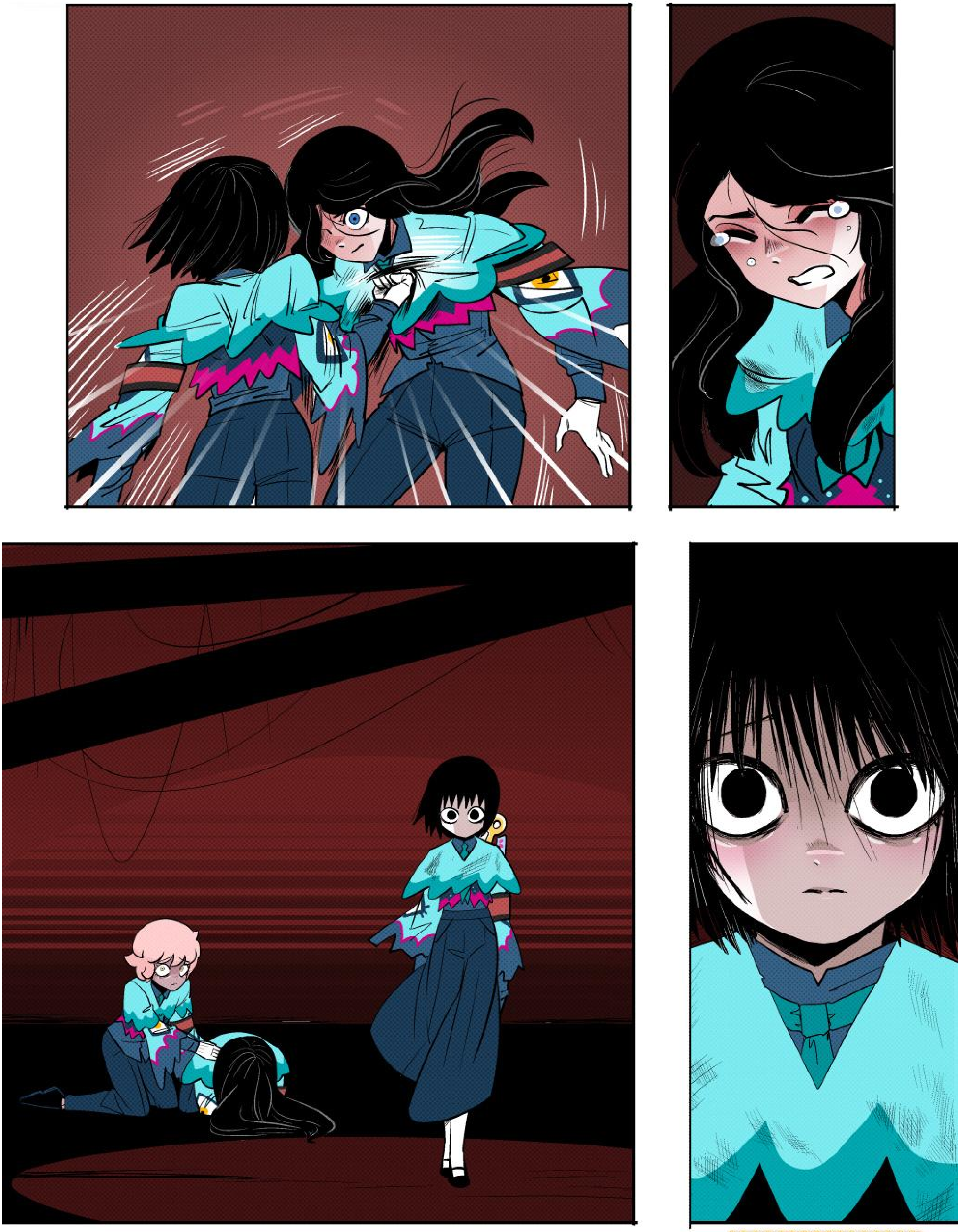

Kuh, cough.
Kurghf.
Don't pay it any attention!
Concentrate on the work!
Keep grazing the grass!


It's all a matter of firepower and time.
Our work is done. L Corp, clean up the leftovers.
Ugh, I think my innards melted. Gotta rip some moolah off the accident insurance.
Haha.
Don't say that in front of cap.
I know! Seriously, I think I'm gonna kick the bucket soon... Here's my will...


The butterfly has returned to a worm.
It's time for Catt to work on it again.
We have plenty of energy... All thanks to that little rat.




Captain Catt, no!!
NO!!
If you could rid me of the feelings in my heart!!
I'd be very much glad if you killed me on the spot!



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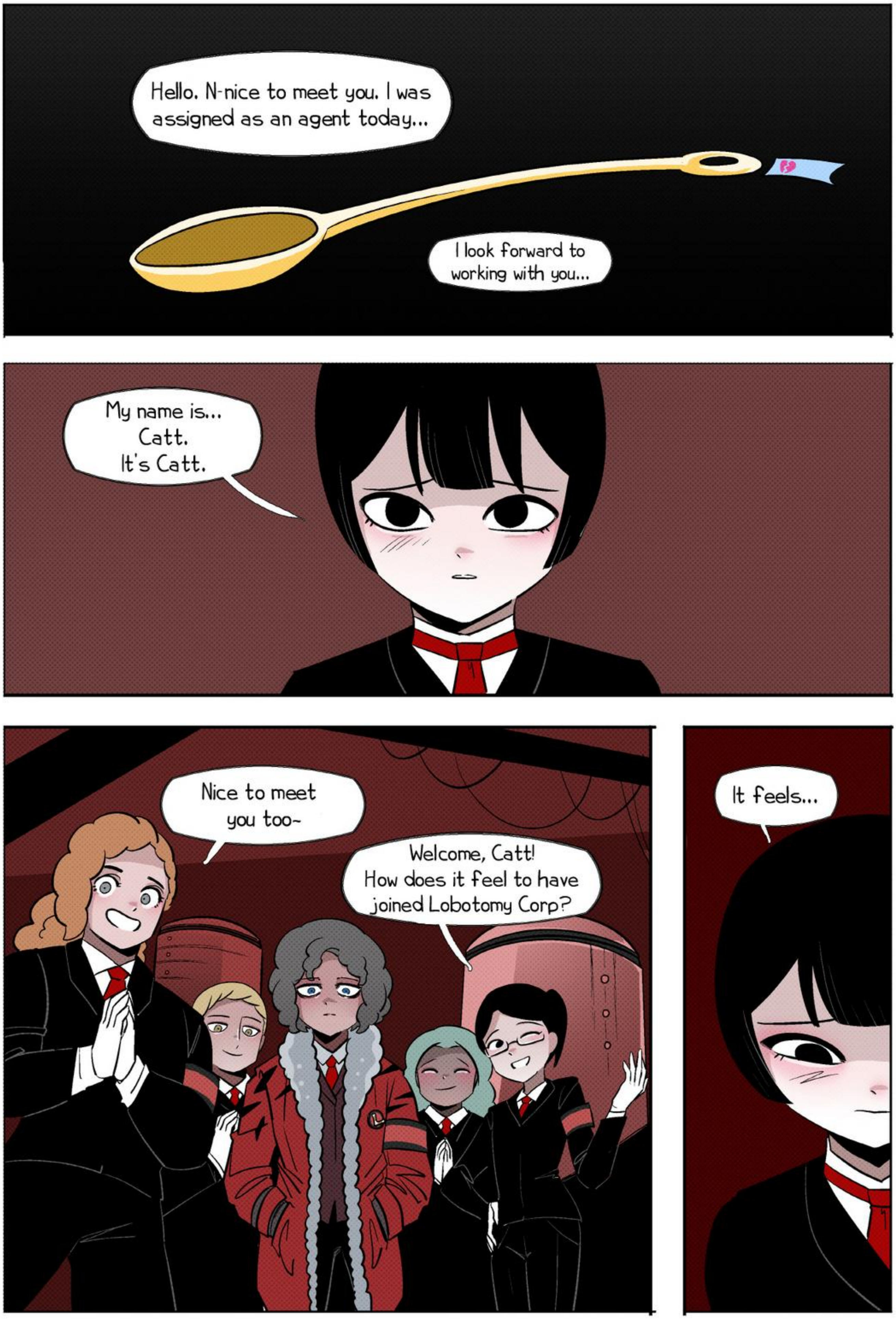
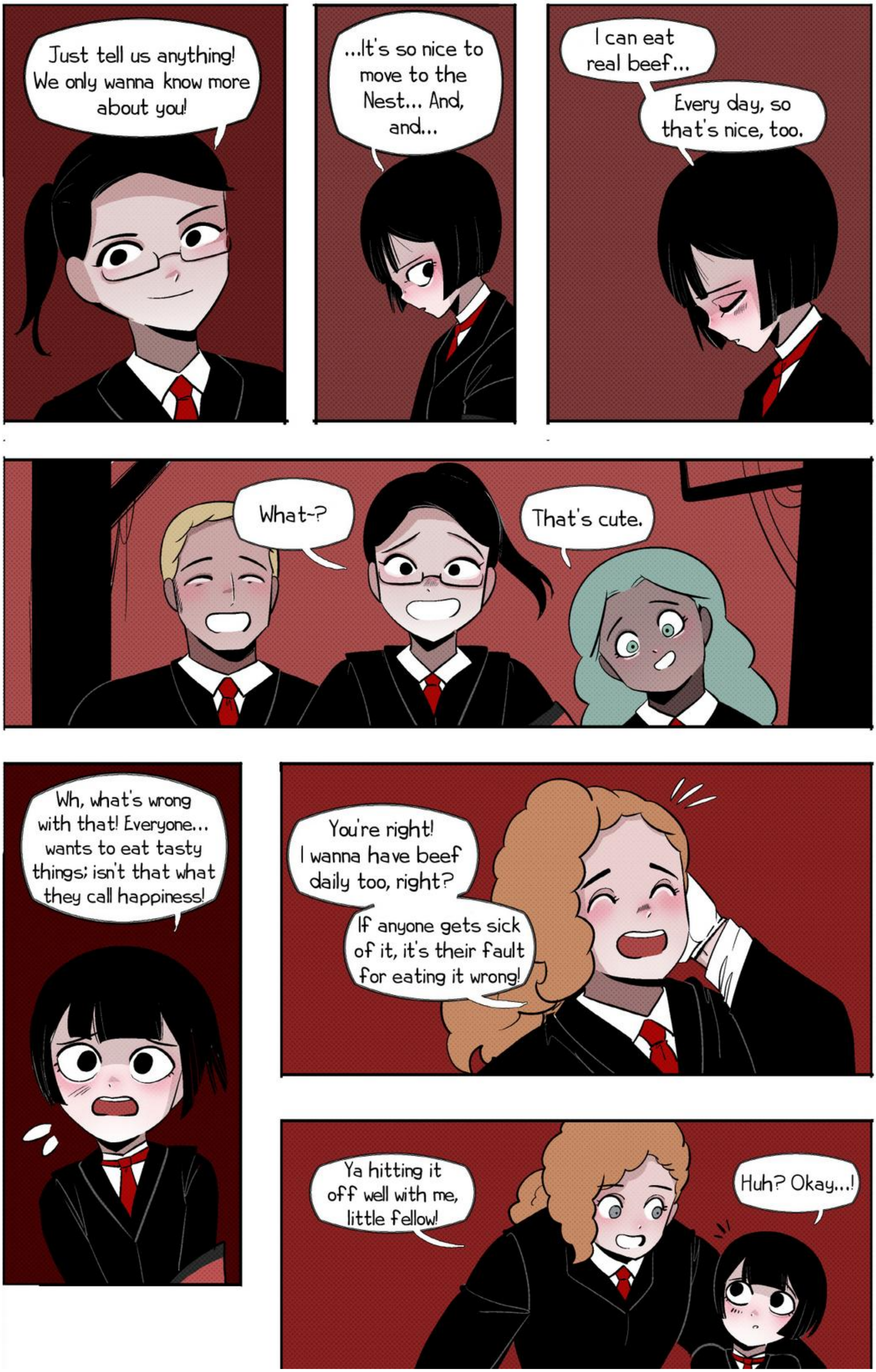
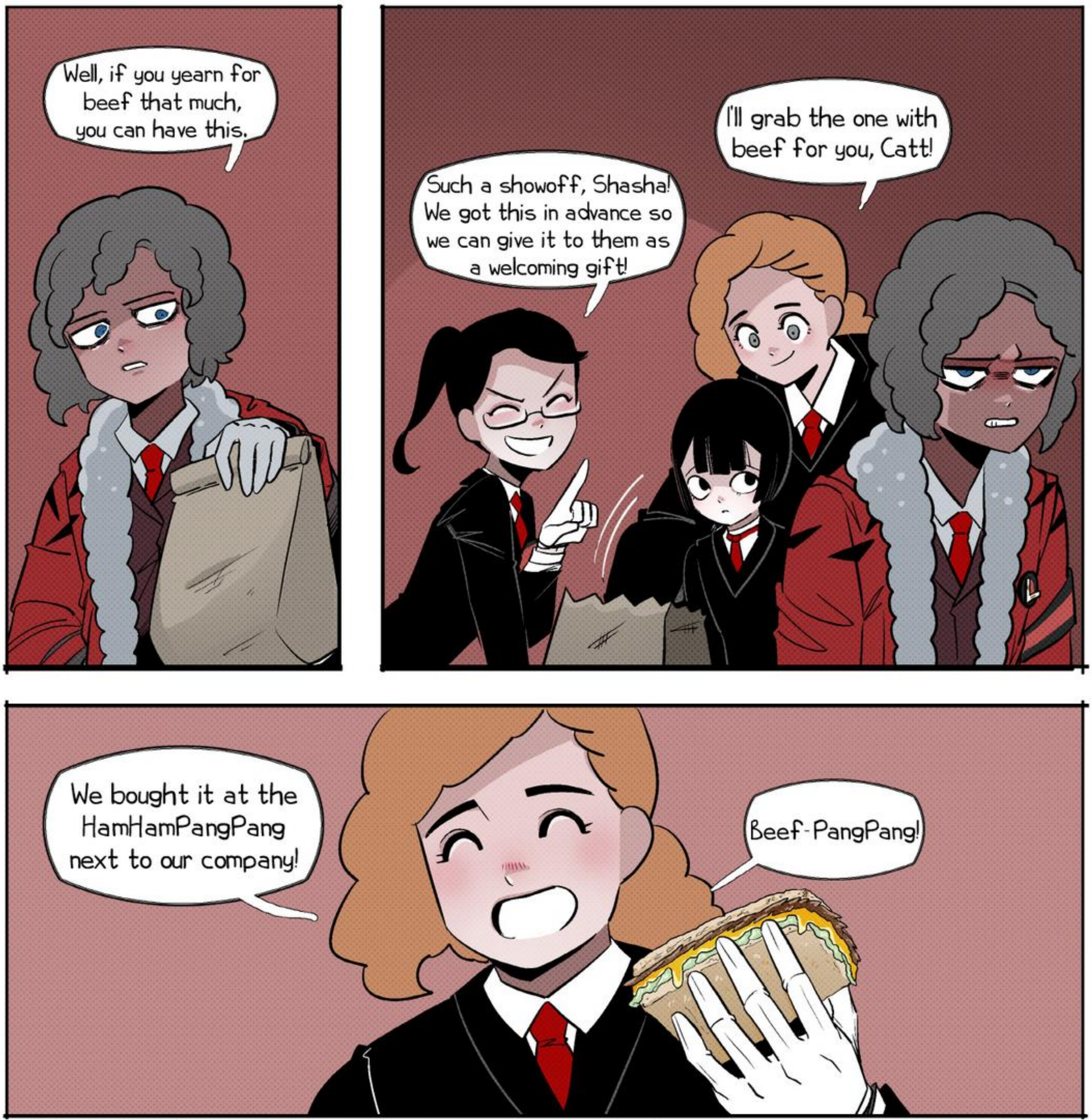
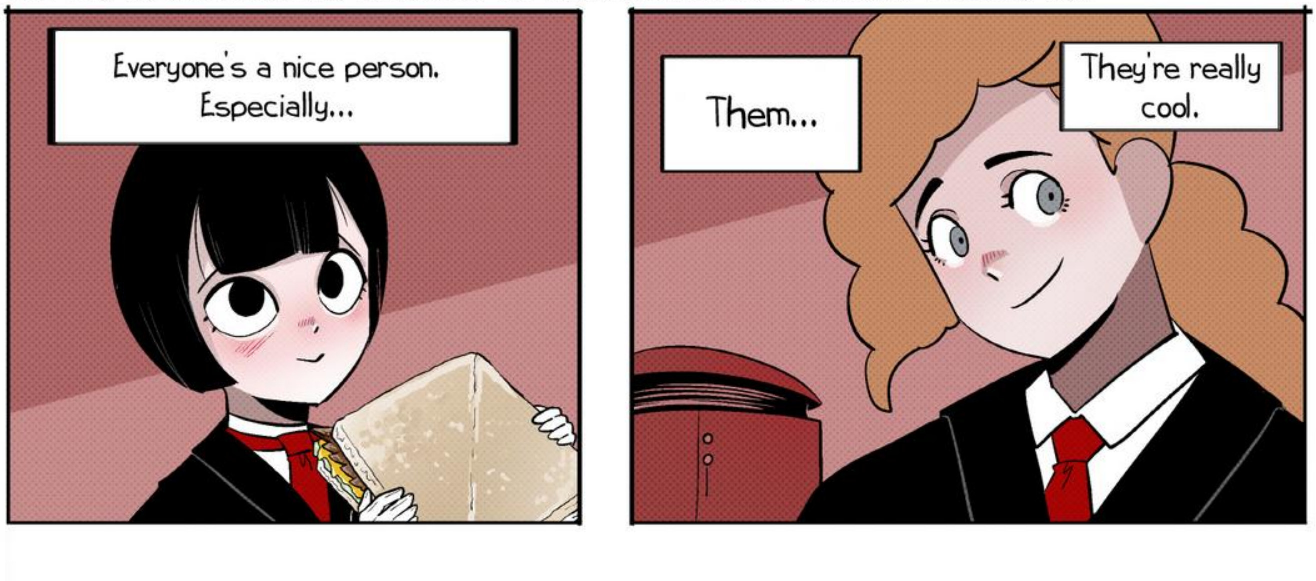
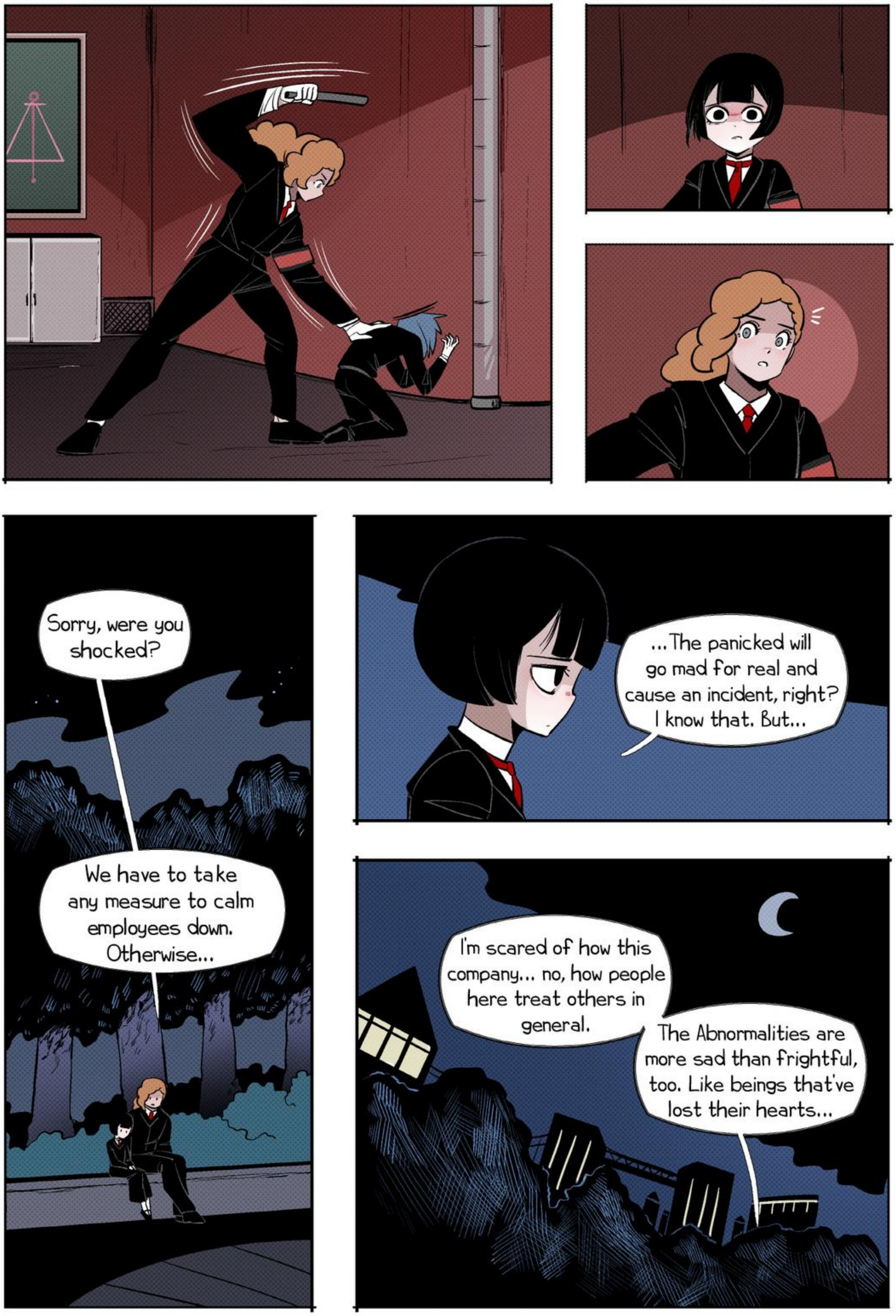

Hello. N-nice to meet you. I was assigned as an agent today...
I look forward to working with you...
My name is... Catt. It's Catt.
Nice to meet you too~
Welcome, Catt! How does it feel to have joined Lobotomy Corp?
It feels...

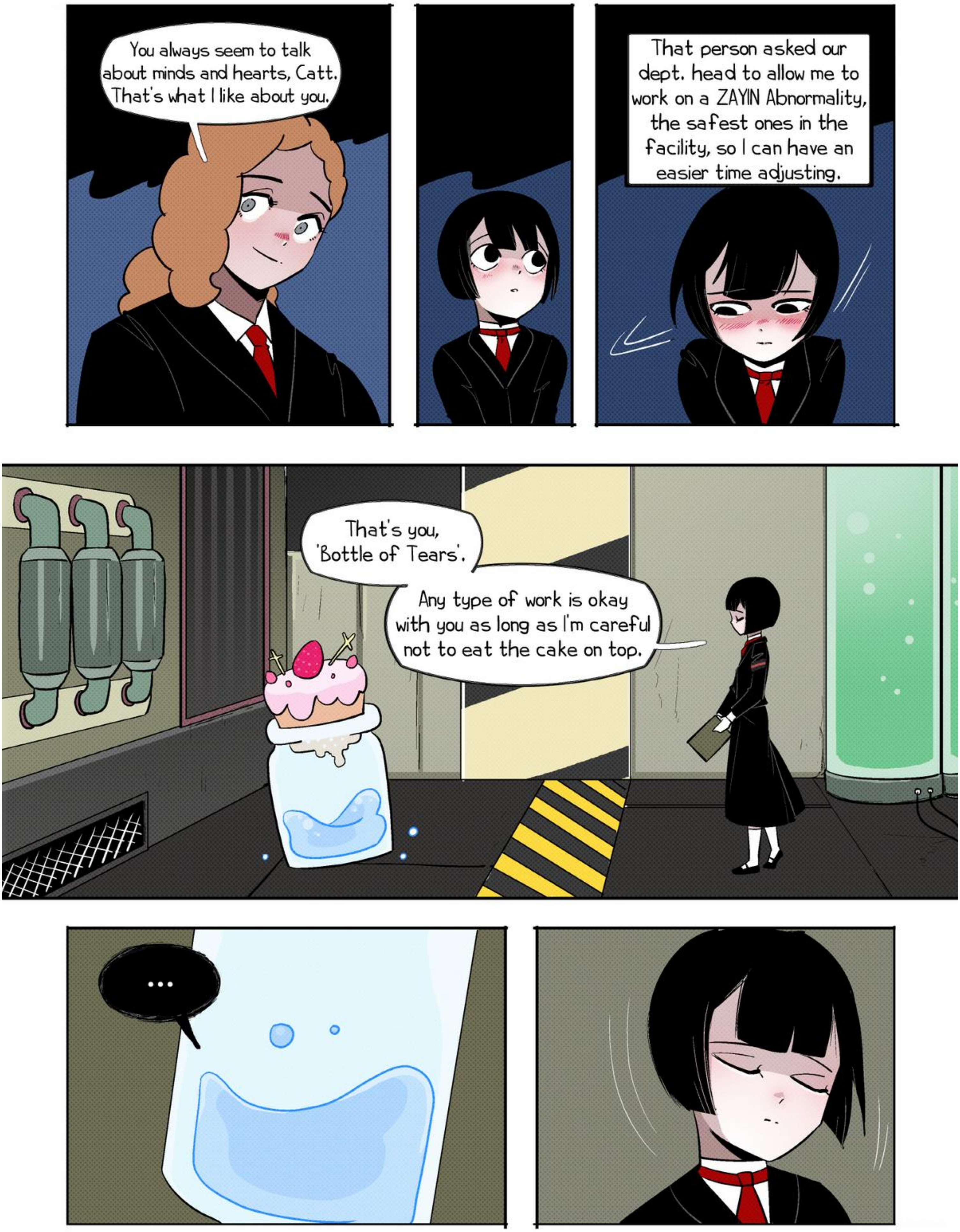

Just tell us anything! We only wanna know more about you!
...It's so nice to move to the Nest... And, and...
I can eat real beef...
Every day, so that's nice, too.
What~?
That's cute.
Wh, what's wrong with that! Everyone... wants to eat tasty things; isn't that what they call happiness!
You're right! I wanna have beef daily too, right?
If anyone gets sick of it, it's their fault for eating it wrong!
Ya hitting it off well with me, little fellow!
Huh? Okay...!


Well, if you yearn for beef that much, you can have this.
Such a showoff, Shasha! We got this in advance so we can give it to them as a welcoming gift!
I'll grab the one with beef for you, Catt!
We bought it at the HamHamPangPang next to our company!
Beef-PangPang!

Beef-PangPang is in-fact a real menu item at Project Moon's HamHamPangPang café.
Beef-PangPang (5,000.00W): A spicy toast with stir-fried pork. The spiciness fires up your senses with a PangPang!!


Everyone's a nice person. Especially...
Them...
They're really cool.


Sorry, were you shocked?
We have to take any measure to calm employees down. Otherwise...
...The panicked will go mad for real and cause an incident, right? I know that. But...
I'm scared of how this company... no, how people here treat others in general.
The Abnormalities are more sad than frightful, too. Like beings that've lost their hearts...


You always seem to talk about minds and hearts, Catt. That's what I like about you.
That person asked our dept. head to allow me to work on a ZAYIN Abnormality, the safest ones in the facility, so I can have an easier time adjusting.
That's you, 'Bottle of Tears'.
Any type of work is okay with you as long as I'm careful not to eat the cake on top.
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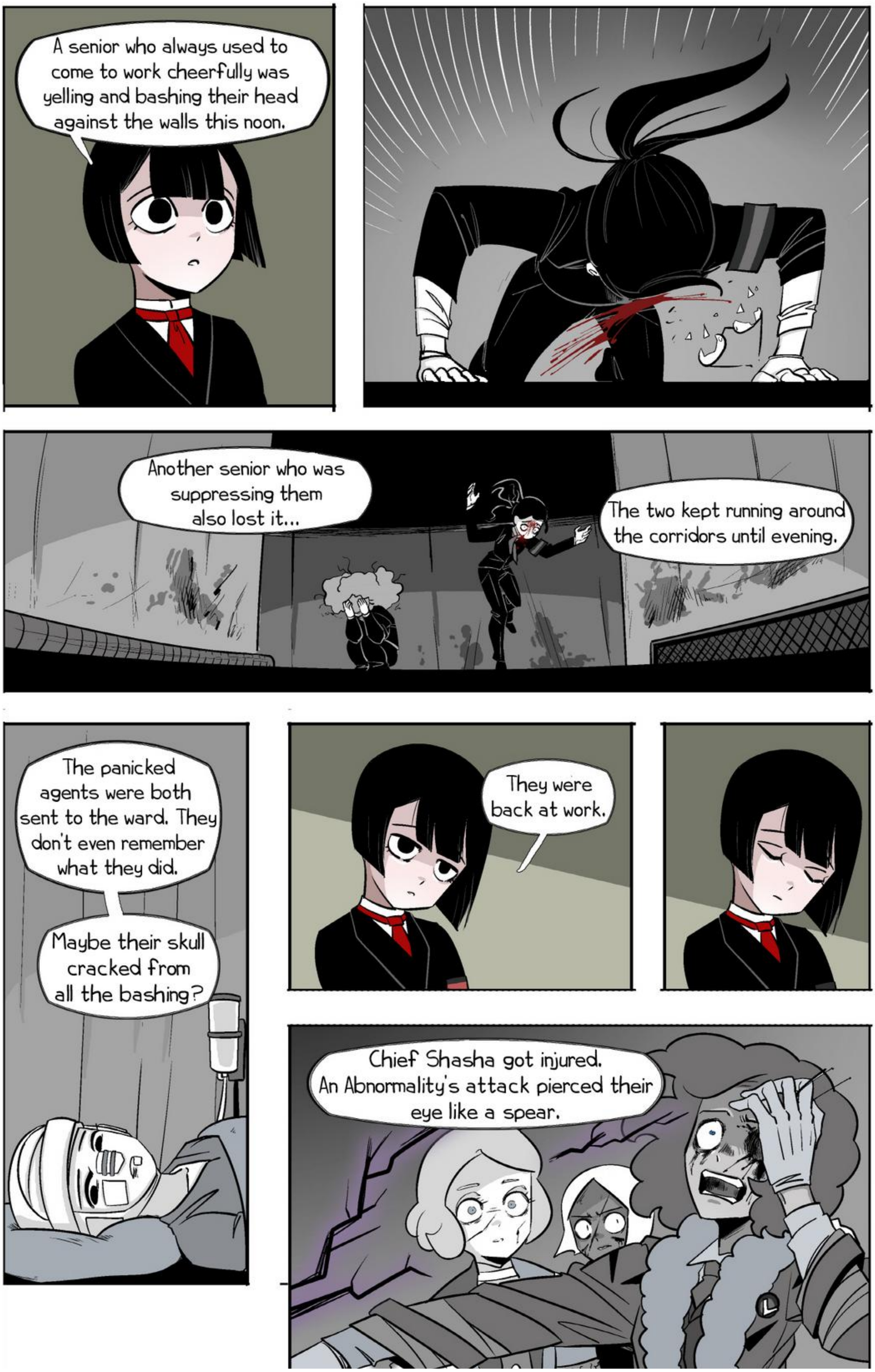
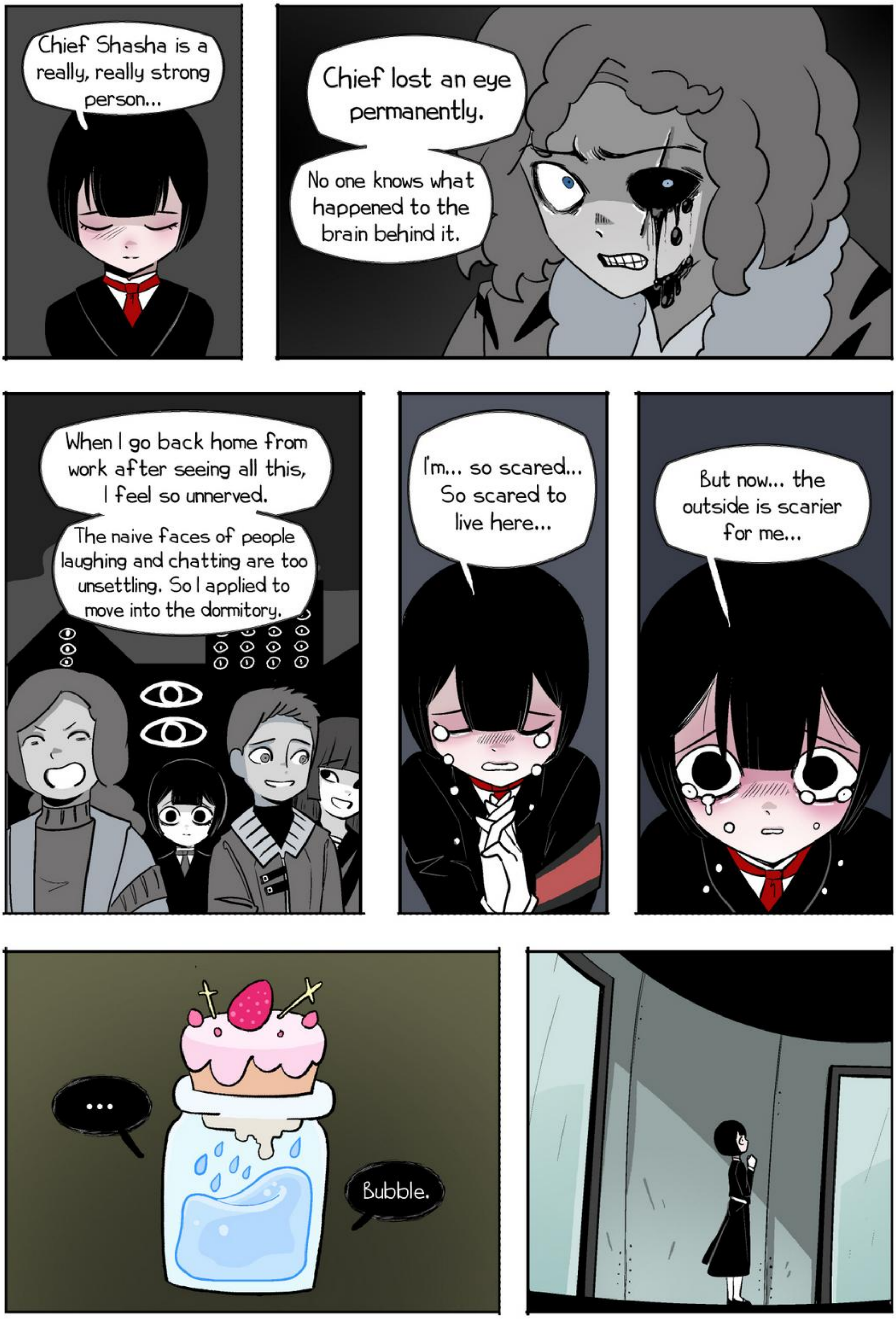

A senior who always used to come to work cheerfully was yelling and bashing their head against the walls this noon.
Another senior who was suppressing them also lost it...
The two kept running around the corridors until evening.
The panicked agents were both sent to the ward. They don't even remember what they did.
Maybe their skull cracked from all the bashing?
They were back at work.
Chief Shasha got injured. An Abnormality's attack pierced their eye like a spear.


Chief Shasha is a really, really strong person...
Chief lost an eye permanently.
No one knows what happened to the brain behind it.
When I go back home from work after seeing all this, I feel so unnerved.
The naive faces of people laughing and chatting are too unsettling. So I applied to move into the dormitory.
I'm... so scared... So scared to live here...
But now... the outside is scarier for me...
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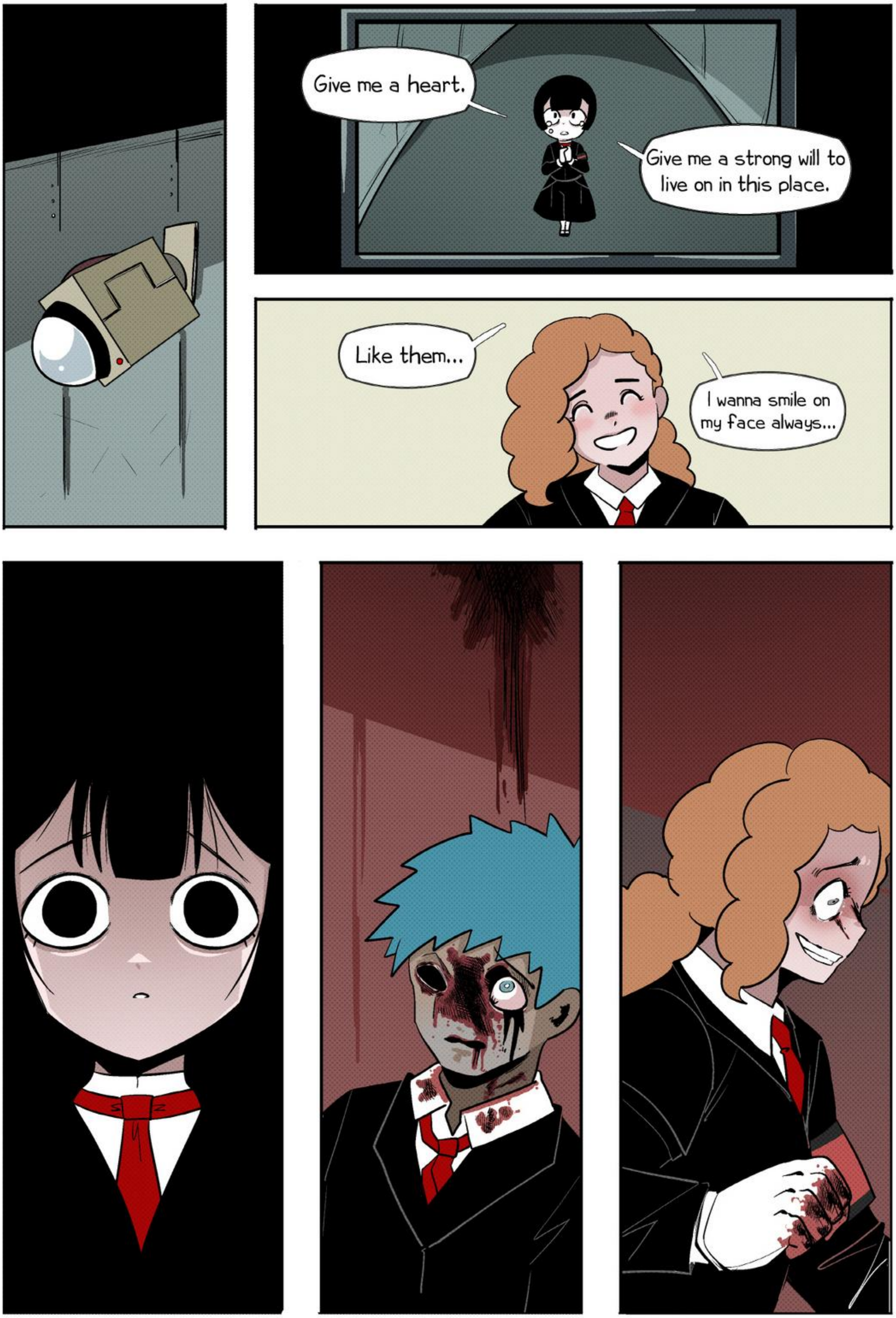
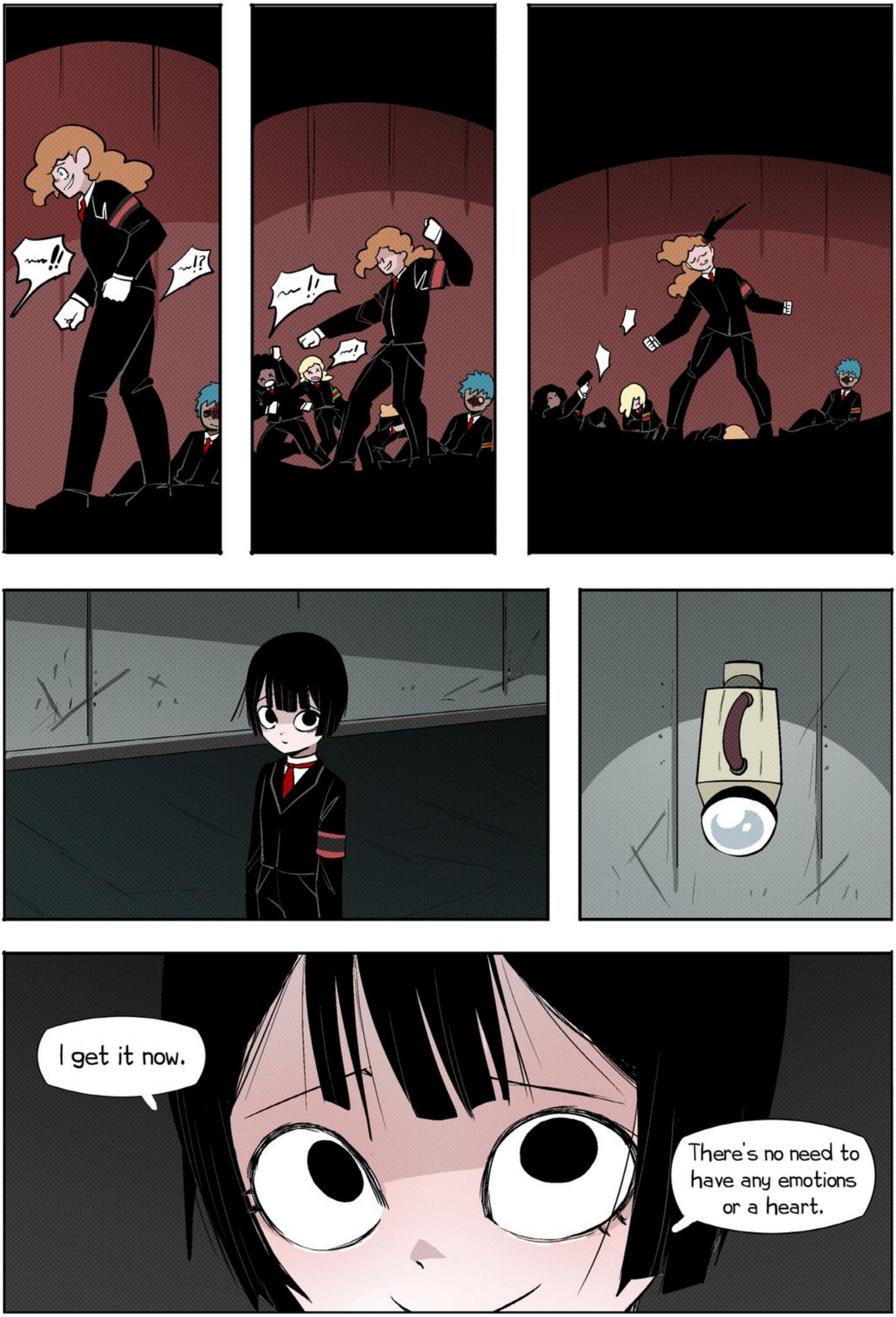
Bubble.


Give me a heart.
Give me a strong will to live on in this place.
Like them...
I wanna smile on my face always...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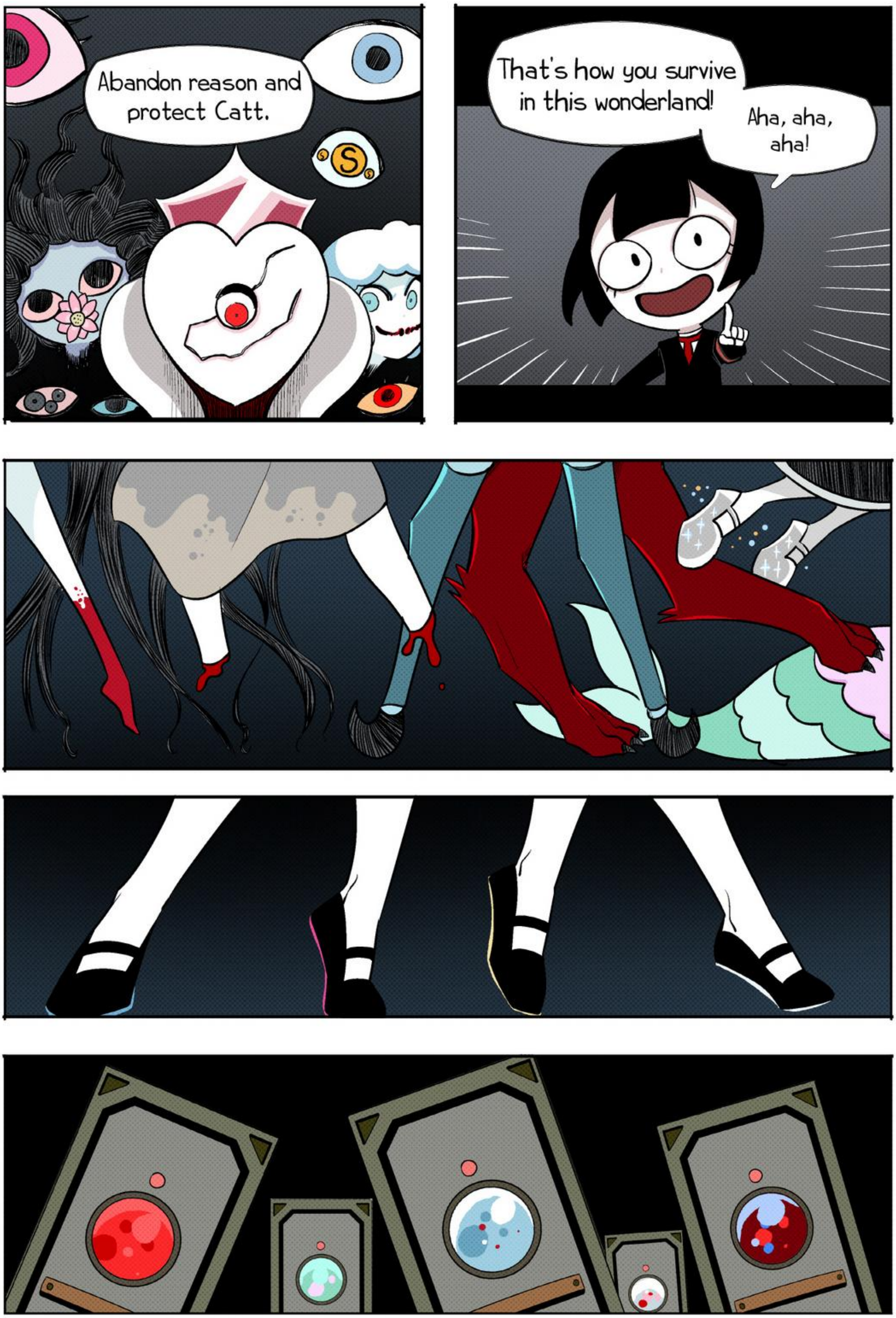
I get it now.
There's no need to have any emotions or a heart.


Abandon reason and protect Catt.
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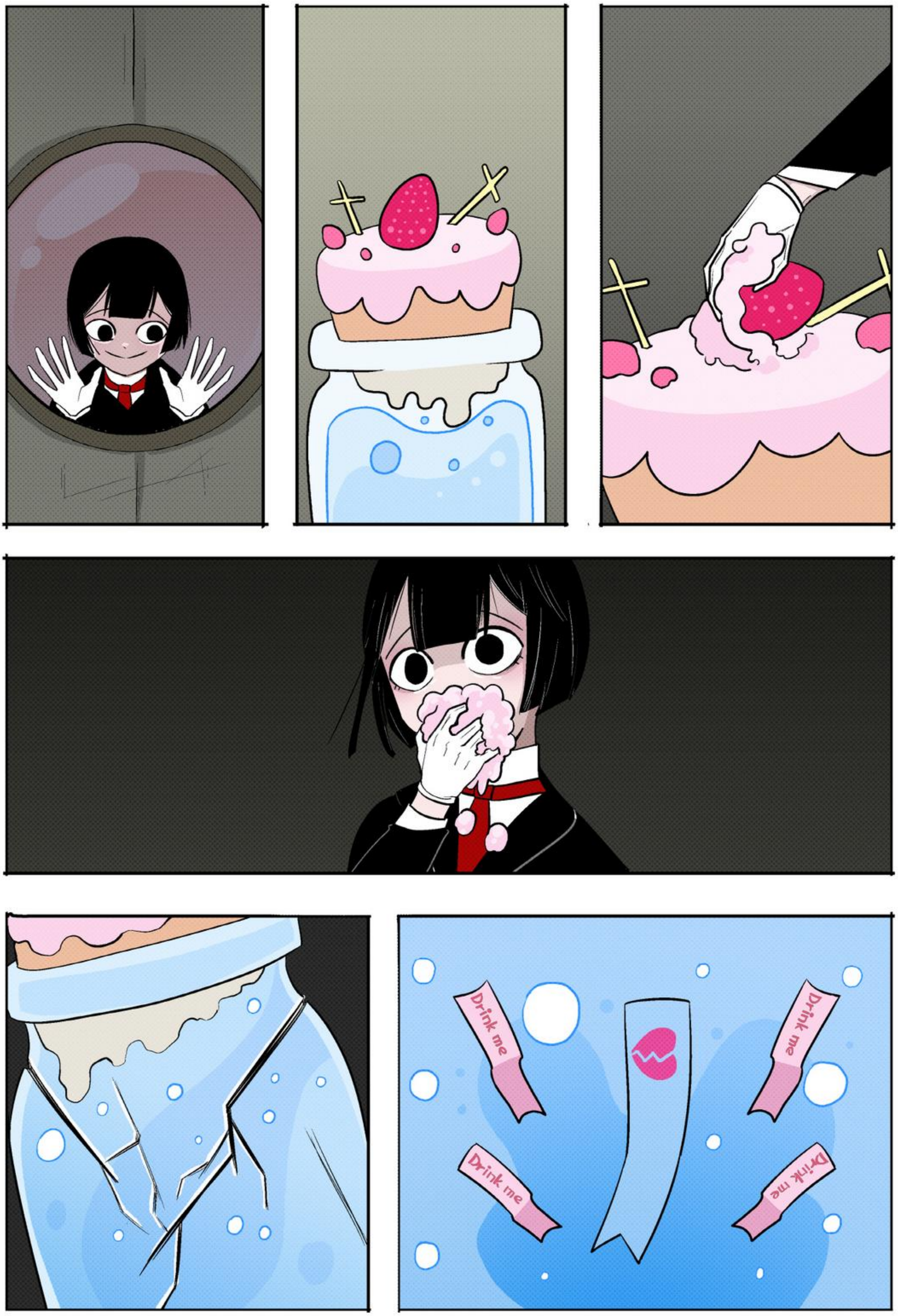
That's how you survive in this wonderland!
Aha, aha, aha!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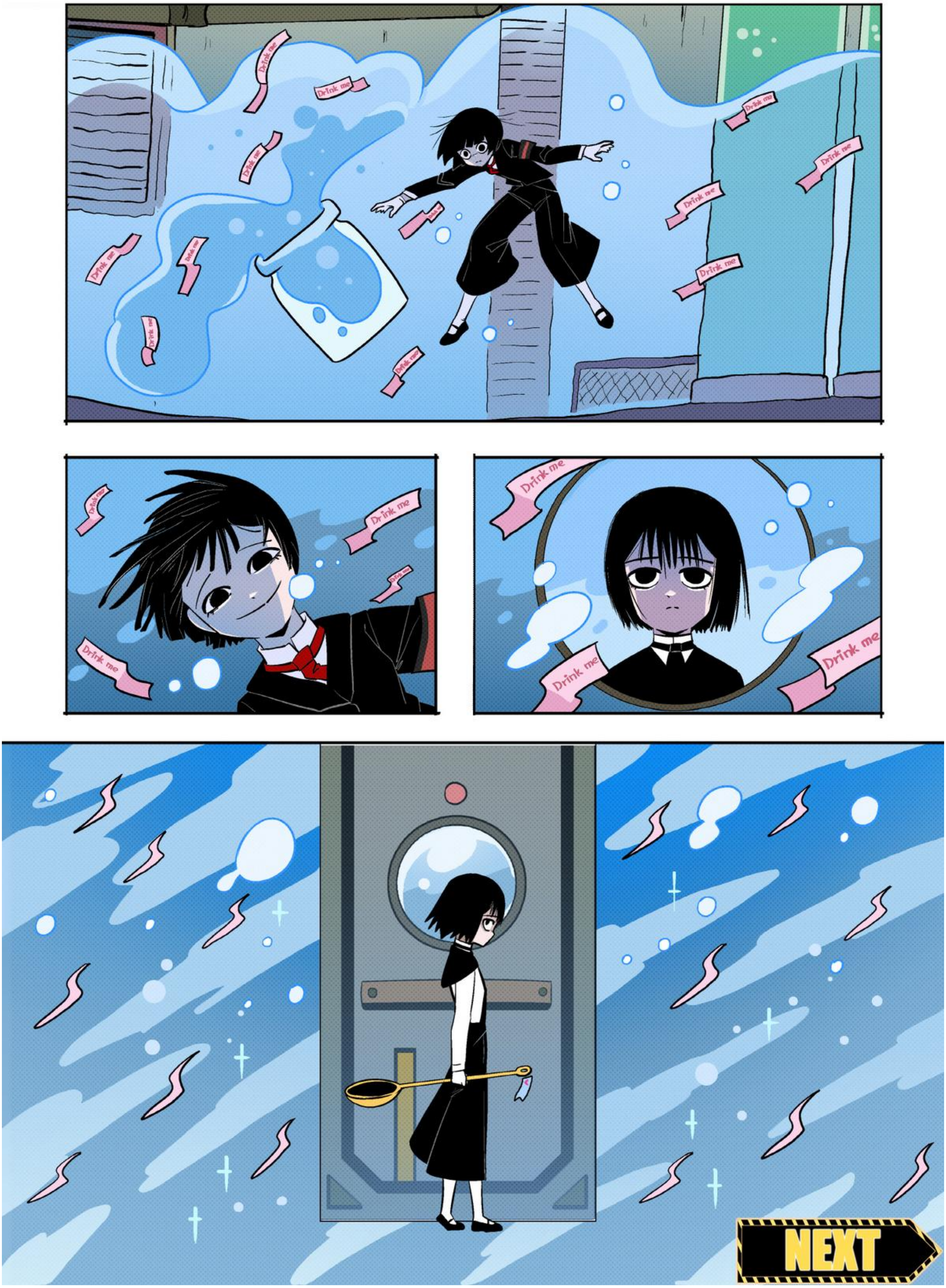
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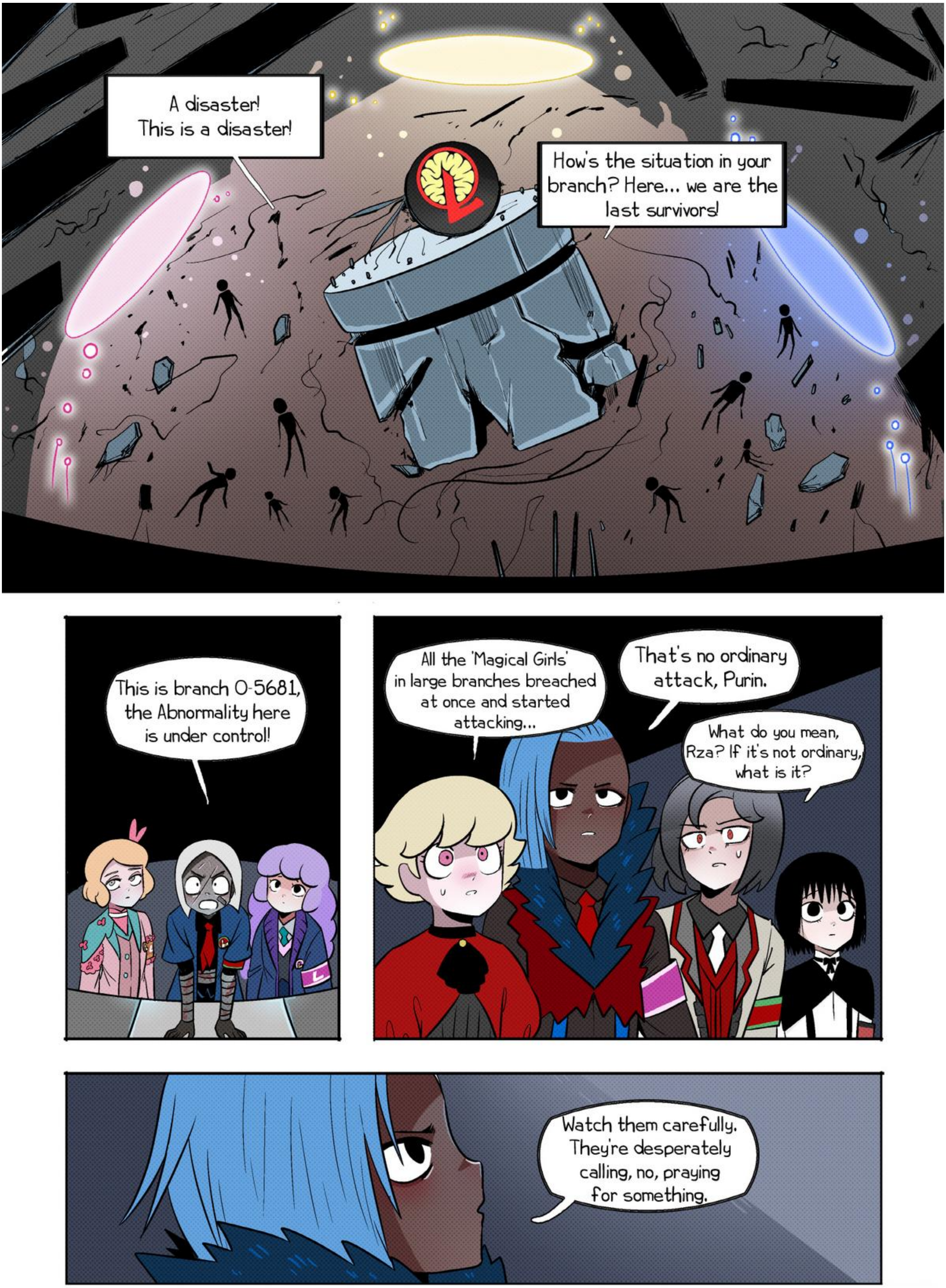
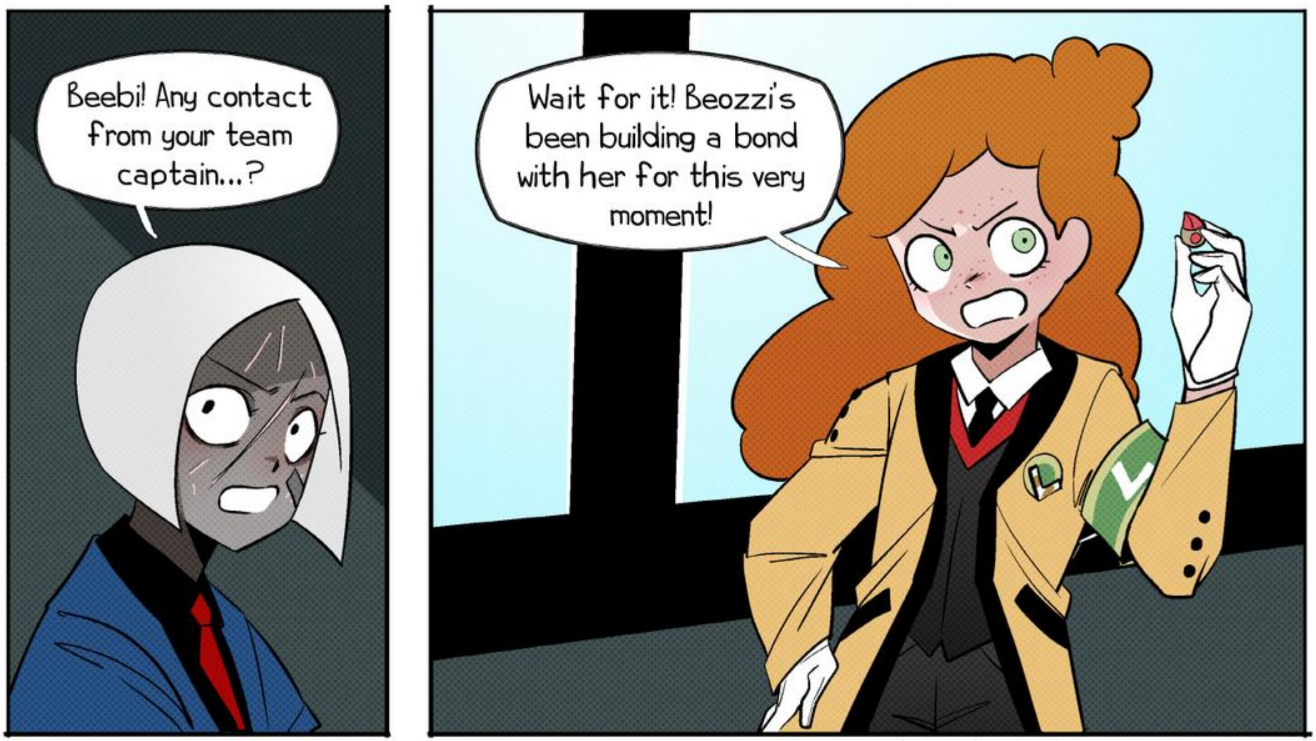
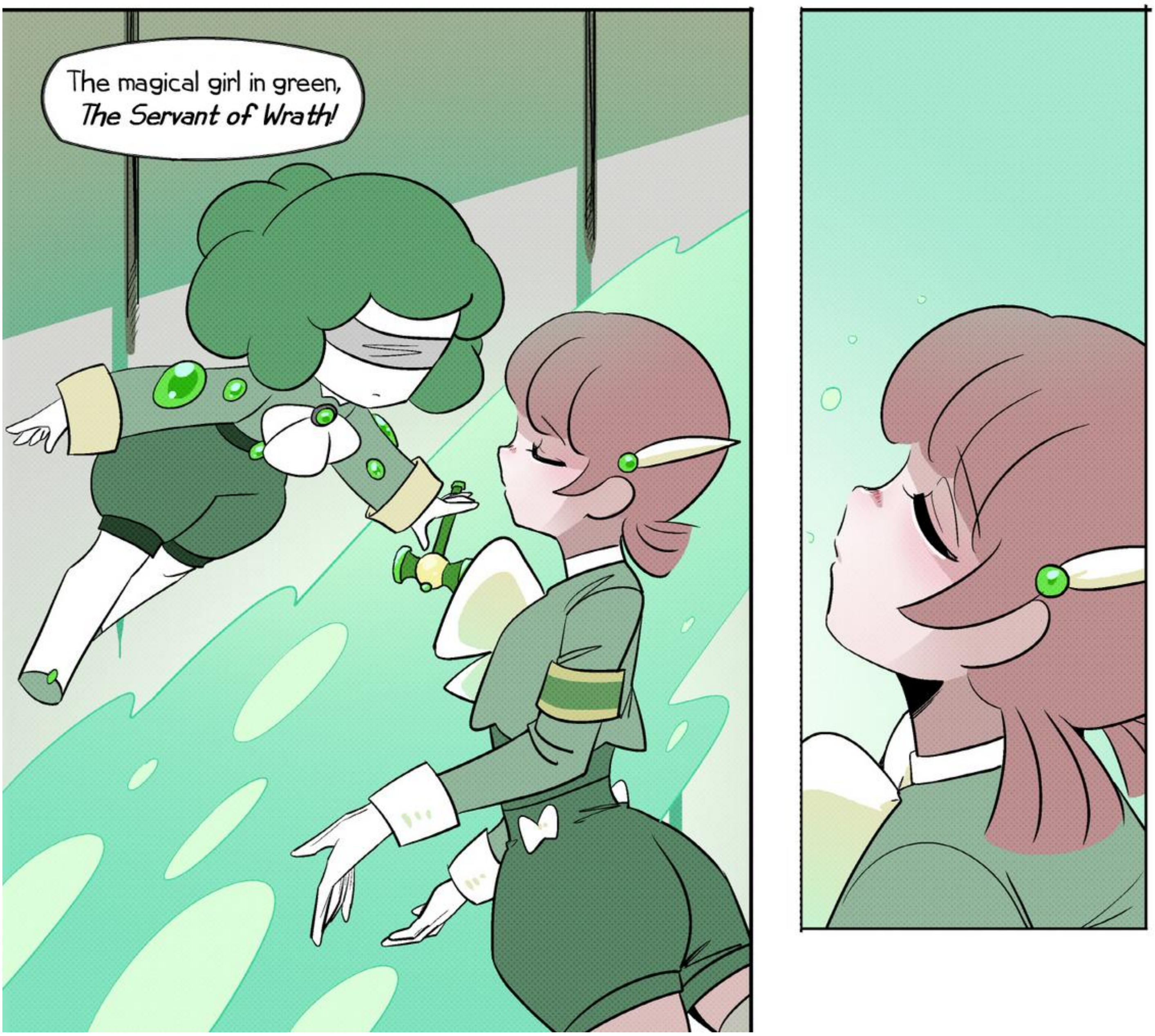
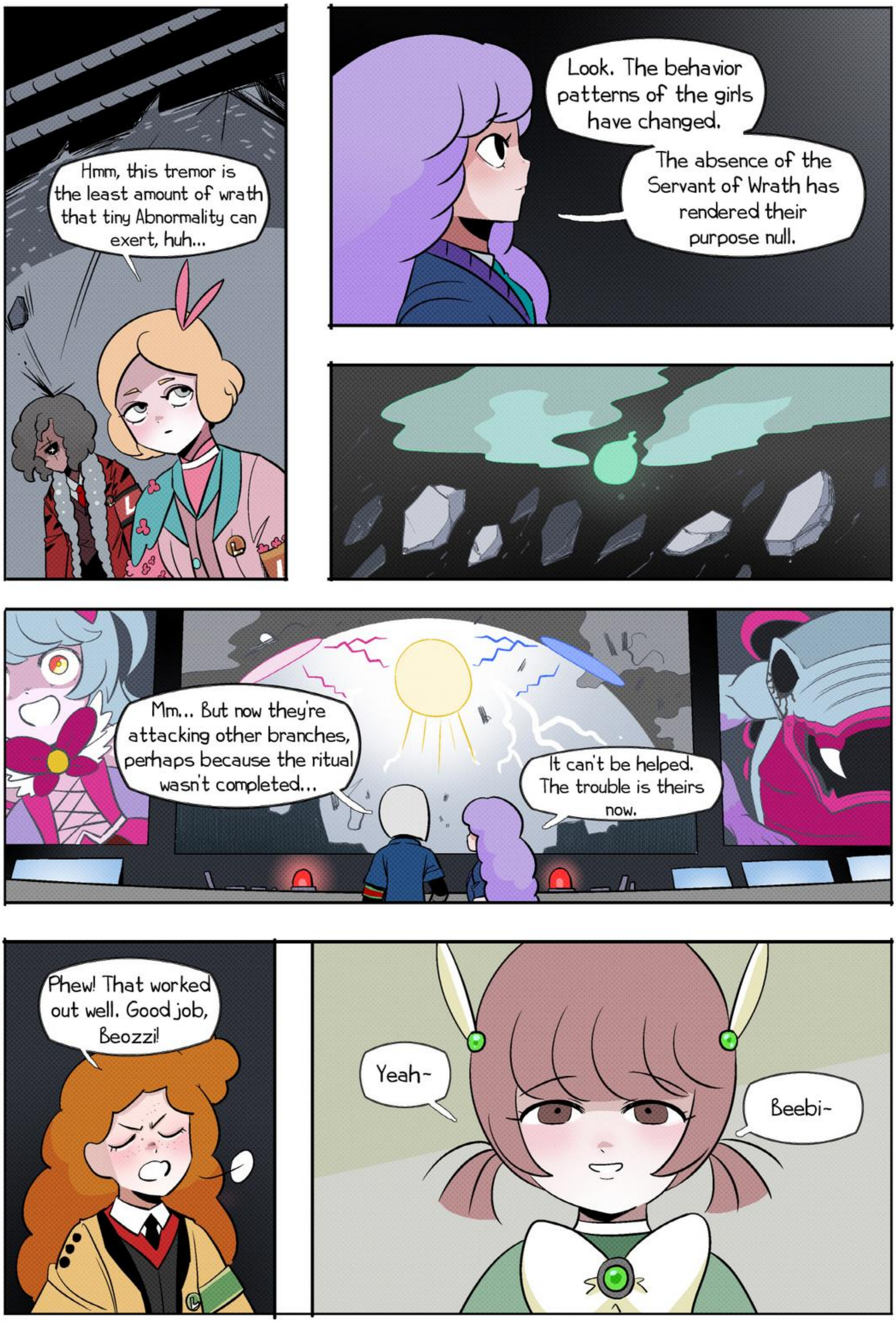
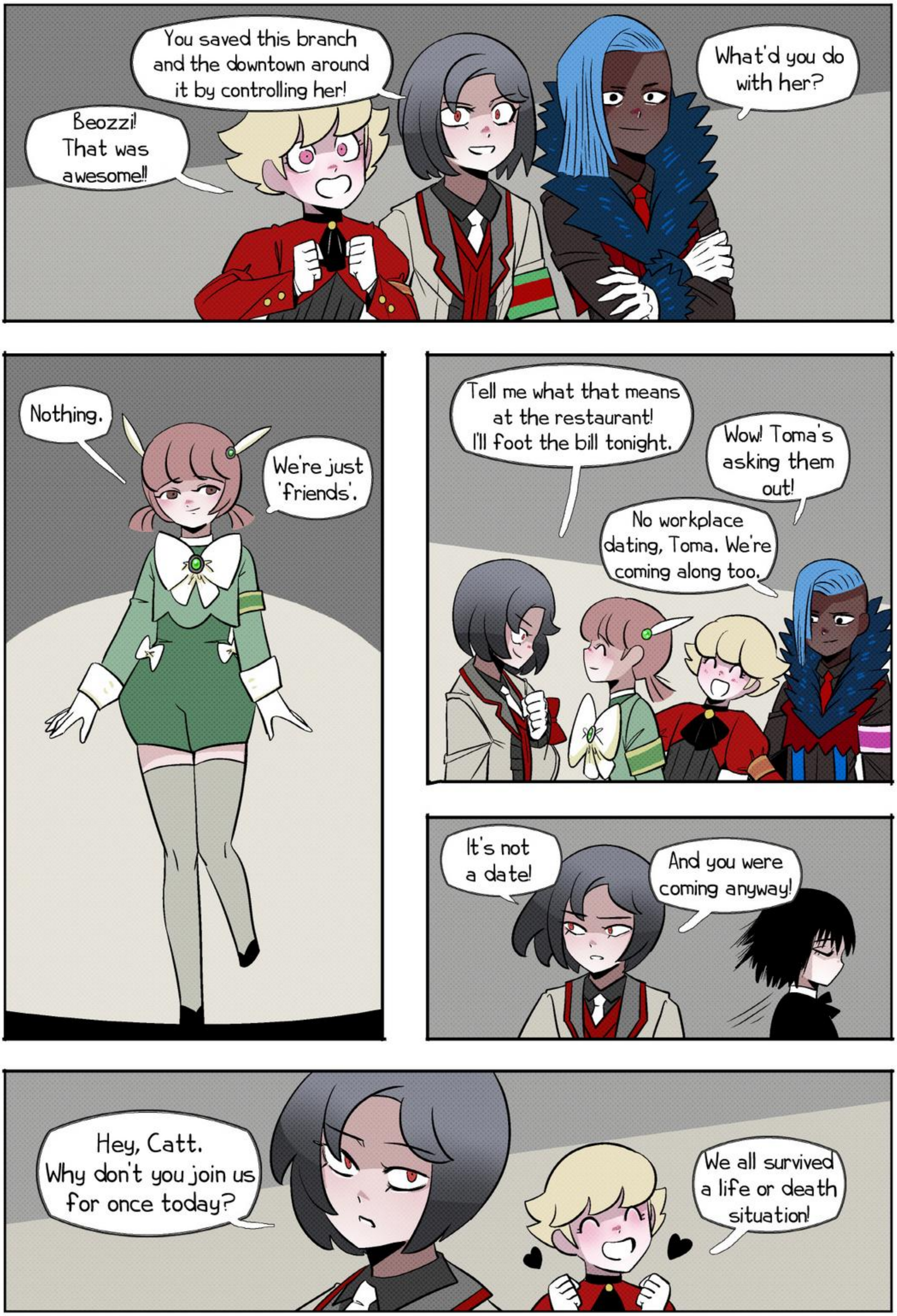

A disaster!
This is a disaster!
How's the situation in your branch? Here... we are the last survivors!
This is branch O-5681, the Abnormality here is under control!
All the 'Magical Girls' in large branches breached at once and started attacking...
That's no ordinary attack, Purin.
What do you mean, Rza? If it's not ordinary, what is it?
Watch them carefully. They're desperately calling, no, praying for something.

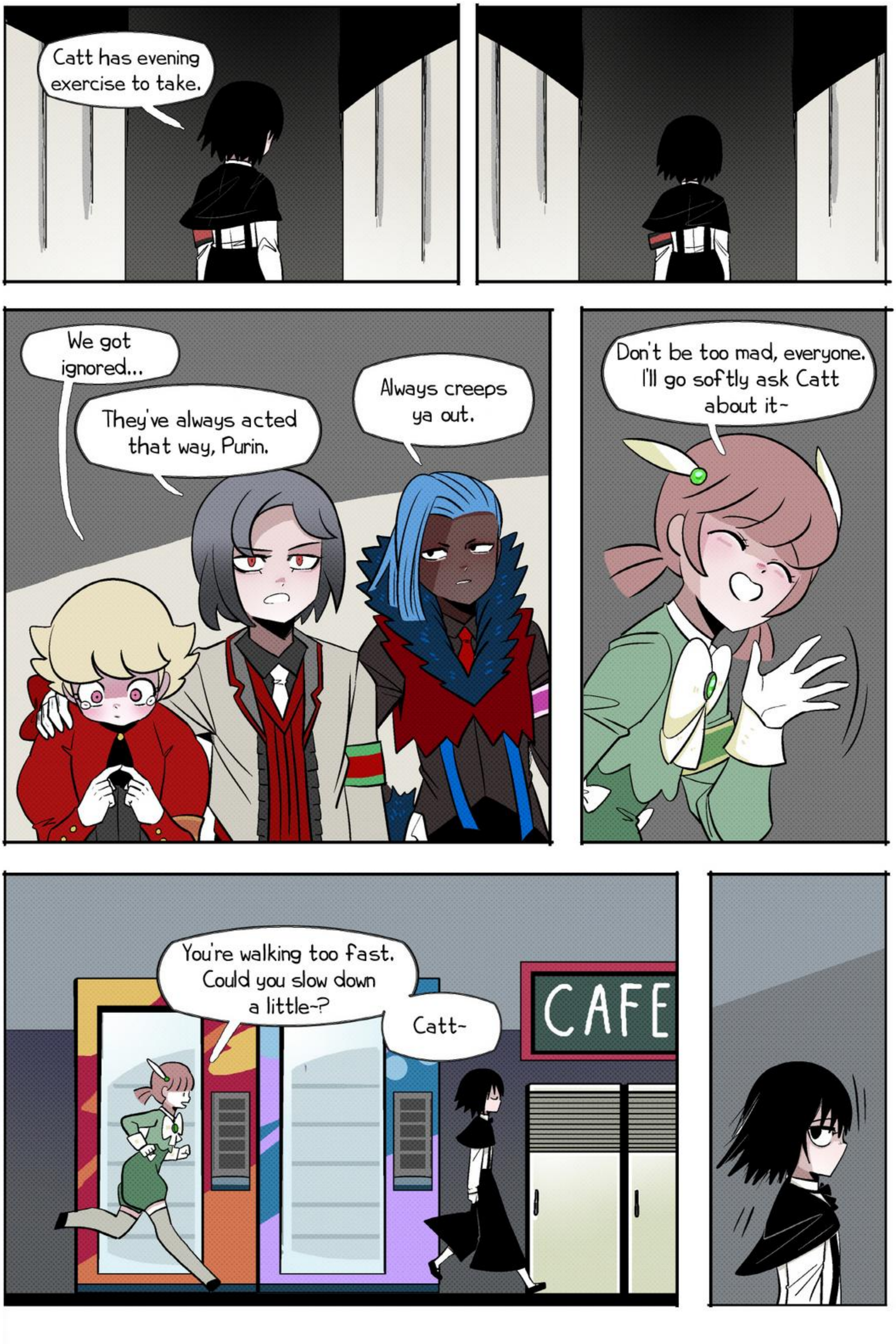

Beebi! Any contact from your team captain...?
Wait for it! Beozzi's been building a bond with her for this very moment!

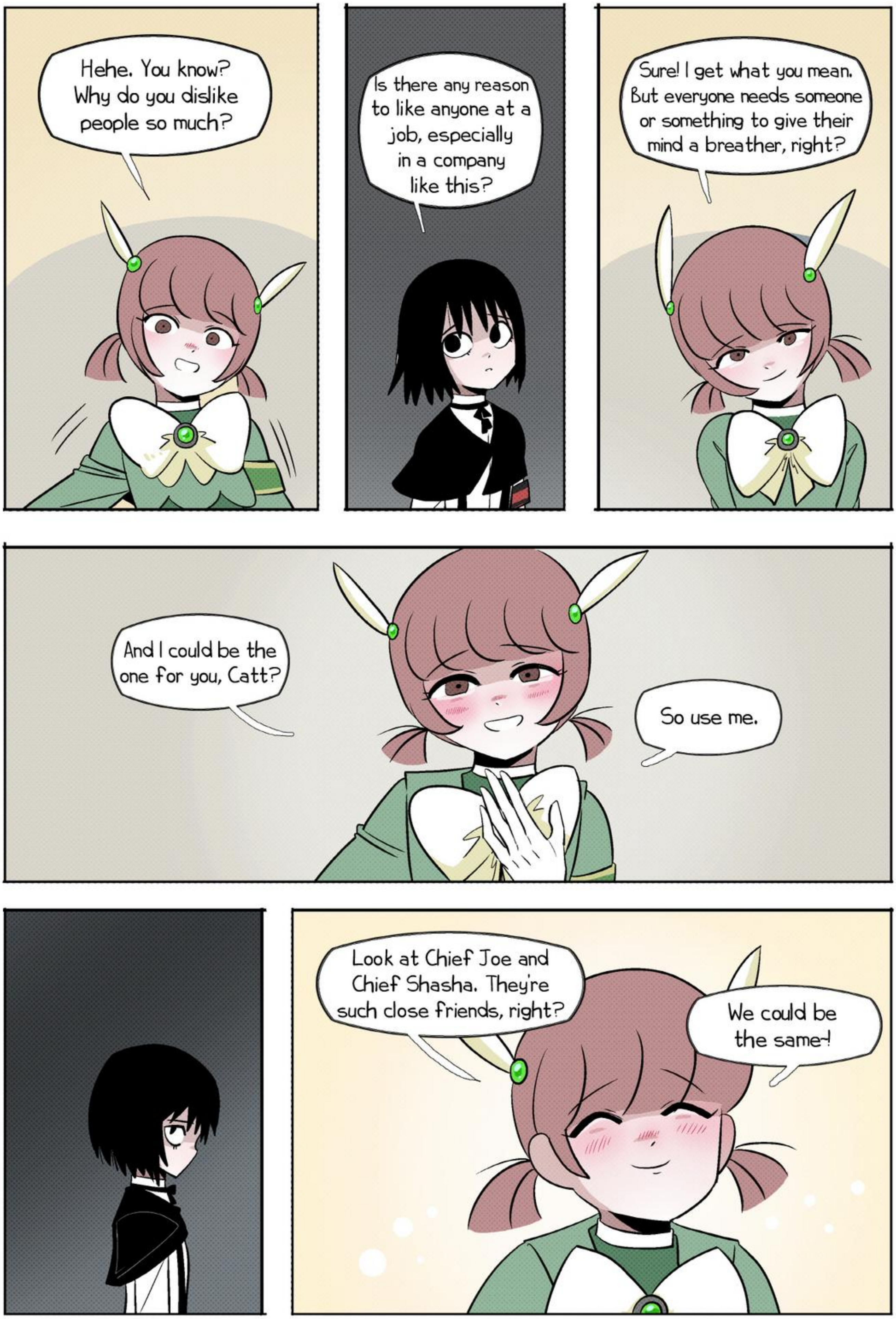
Fun Fact: The way Beozzi's name is written in Hangul can mean "Cherry"!

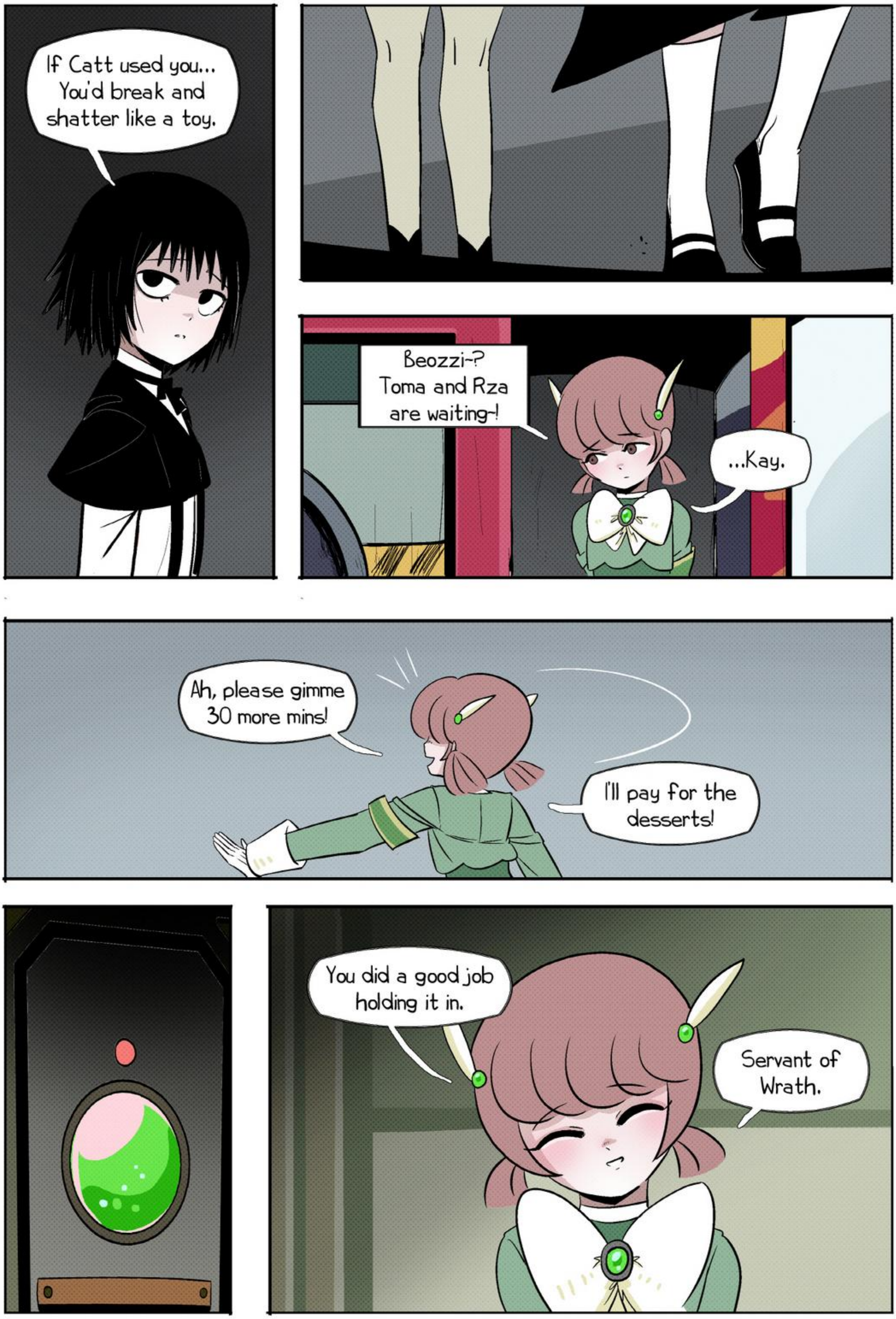

The magical girl in green, *The Servant of Wrath!*

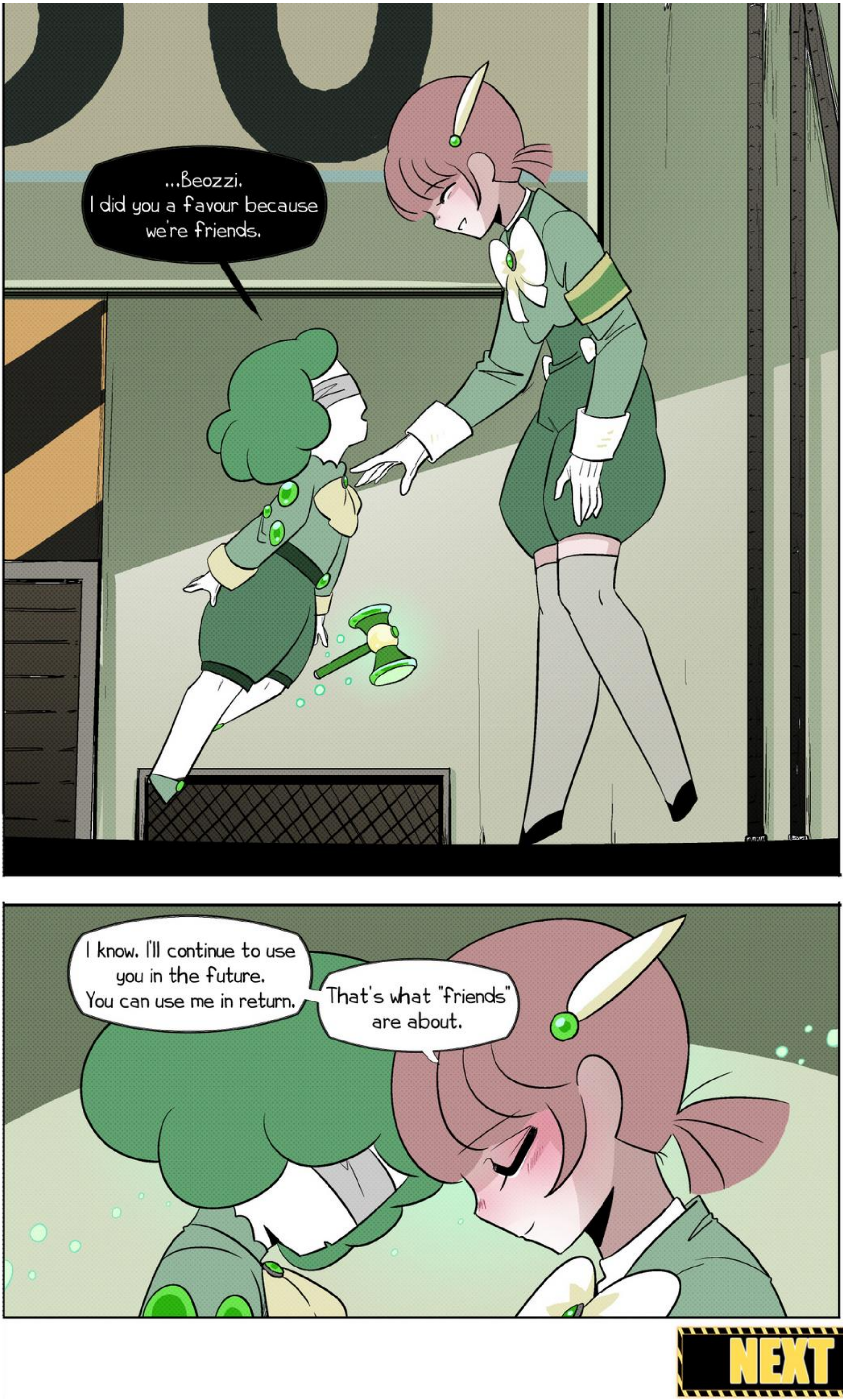

Hmm, this tremor is the least amount of wrath that tiny Abnormality can exert, huh...
Look. The behavior patterns of the girls have changed.
The absence of the Servant of Wrath has rendered their purpose null.
Mm... But now they're attacking other branches, perhaps because the ritual wasn't completed...
It can't be helped. The trouble is theirs now.
Phew! That worked out well. Good job, Beozzi!
Yeah~
Beebi~


Beozzi! That was awesome!!
You saved this branch and the downtown around it by controlling her!
What'd you do with her?
Nothing.
We're just 'friends'.
Tell me what that means at the restaurant! I'll foot the bill tonight.
Wow! Toma's asking them out!
No workplace dating, Toma. We're coming along too.
It's not a date!
And you were coming anyway!
Hey, Catt. Why don't you join us for once today?
We all survived a life or death situation!


Catt has evening exercise to take.
We got ignored...
They've always acted that way, Purin.
Always creeps ya out.
Don't be too mad, everyone. I'll go softly ask Catt about it~
You're walking too fast. Could you slow down a little~?
Catt~
CAFE


Hehe. You know? Why do you dislike people so much?
Is there any reason to like anyone at a job, especially in a company like this?
Sure! I get what you mean. But everyone needs someone or something to give their mind a breather, right?
And I could be the one for you, Catt?
So use me.
Look at Chief Joe and Chief Shasha. They're such close friends, right?
We could be the same~!


If Catt used you... You'd break and shatter like a toy.
Beozzi~? Toma and Rza are waiting~!
...Kay.
Ah, please gimme 30 more mins!
I'll pay for the desserts!
You did a good job holding it in.
Servant of Wrath.


...Beozzi.
I did you a favour because we're friends.
I know. I'll continue to use you in the future.
You can use me in return.
That's what "friends" are about.

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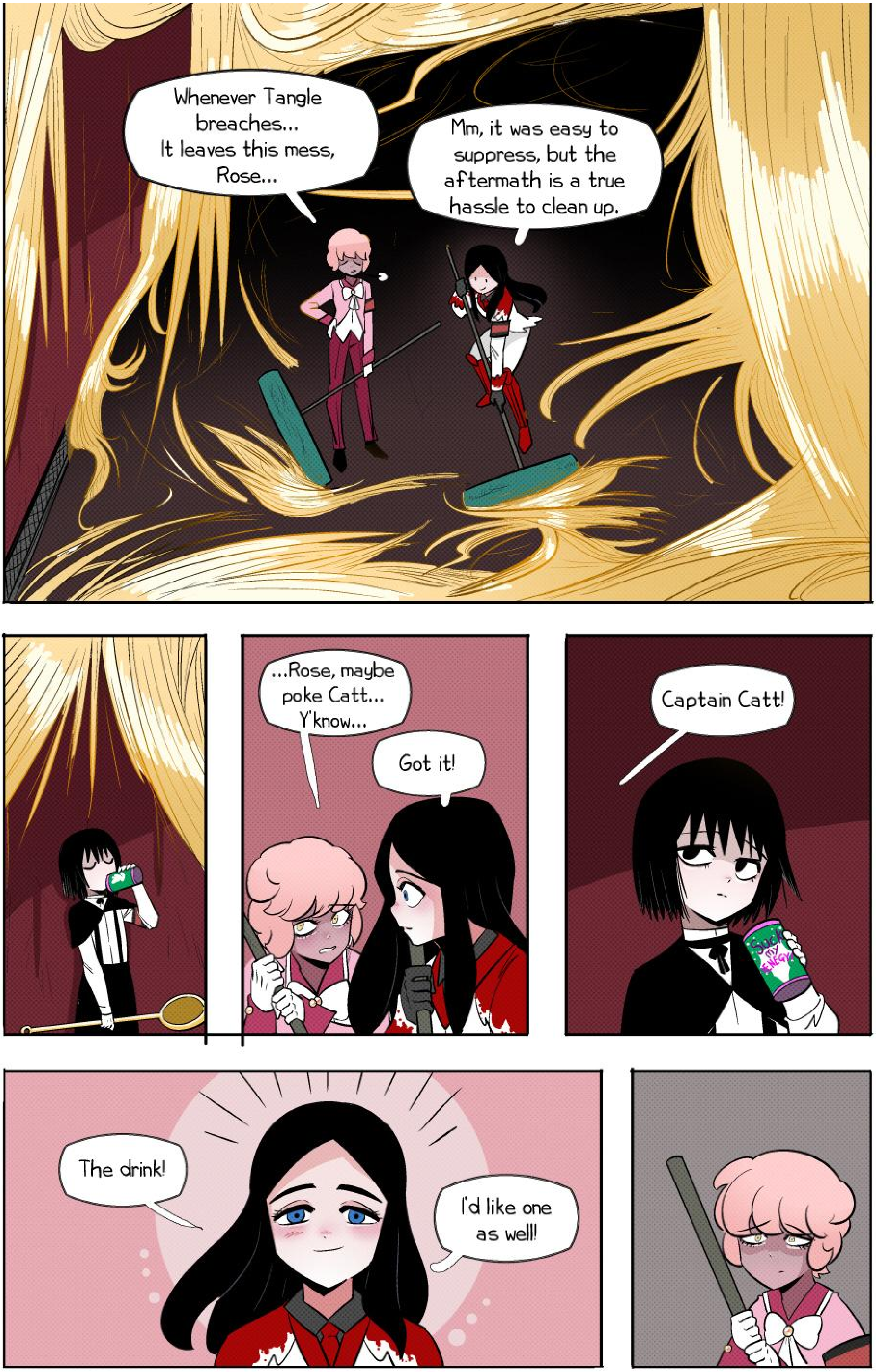
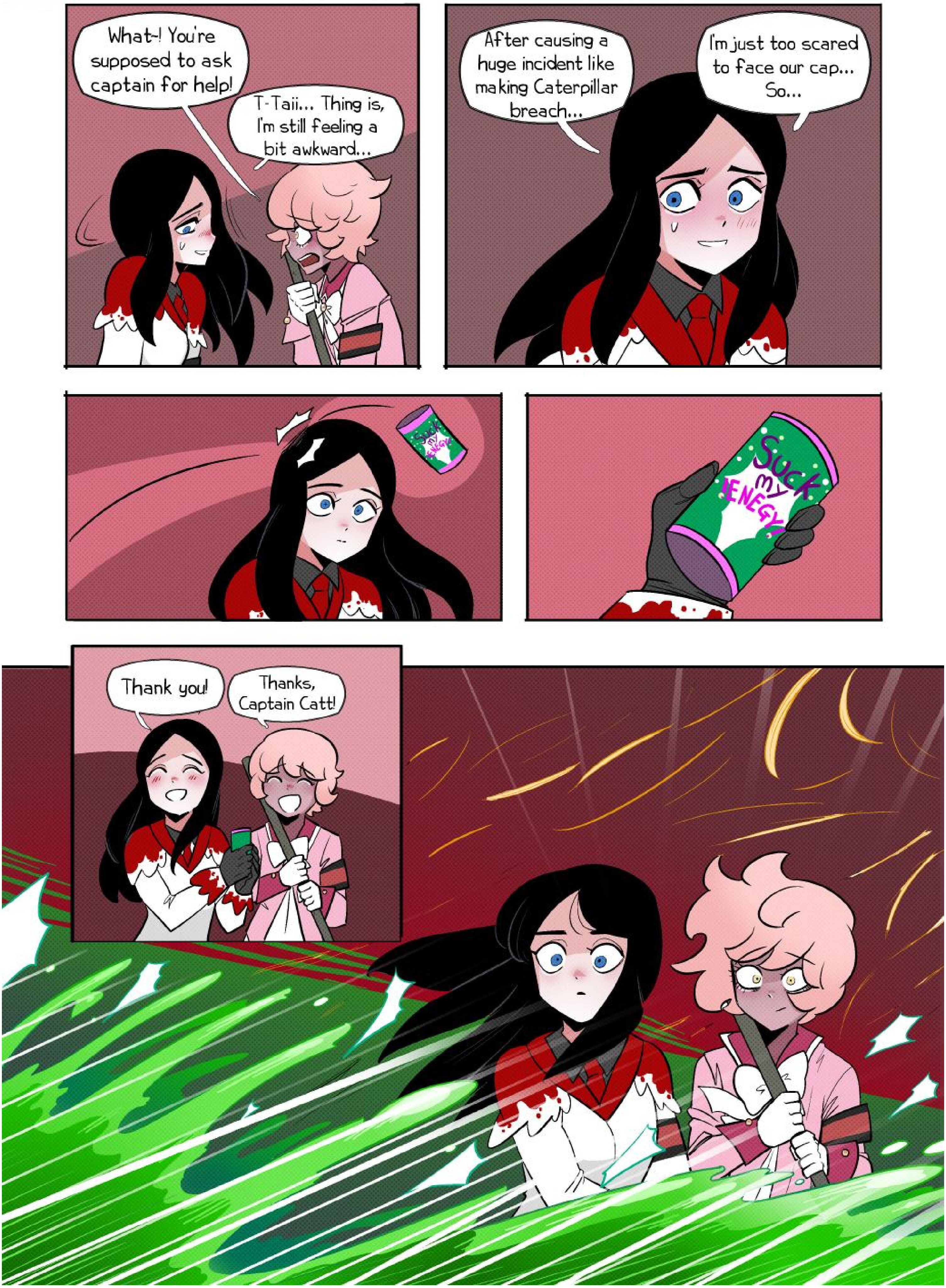
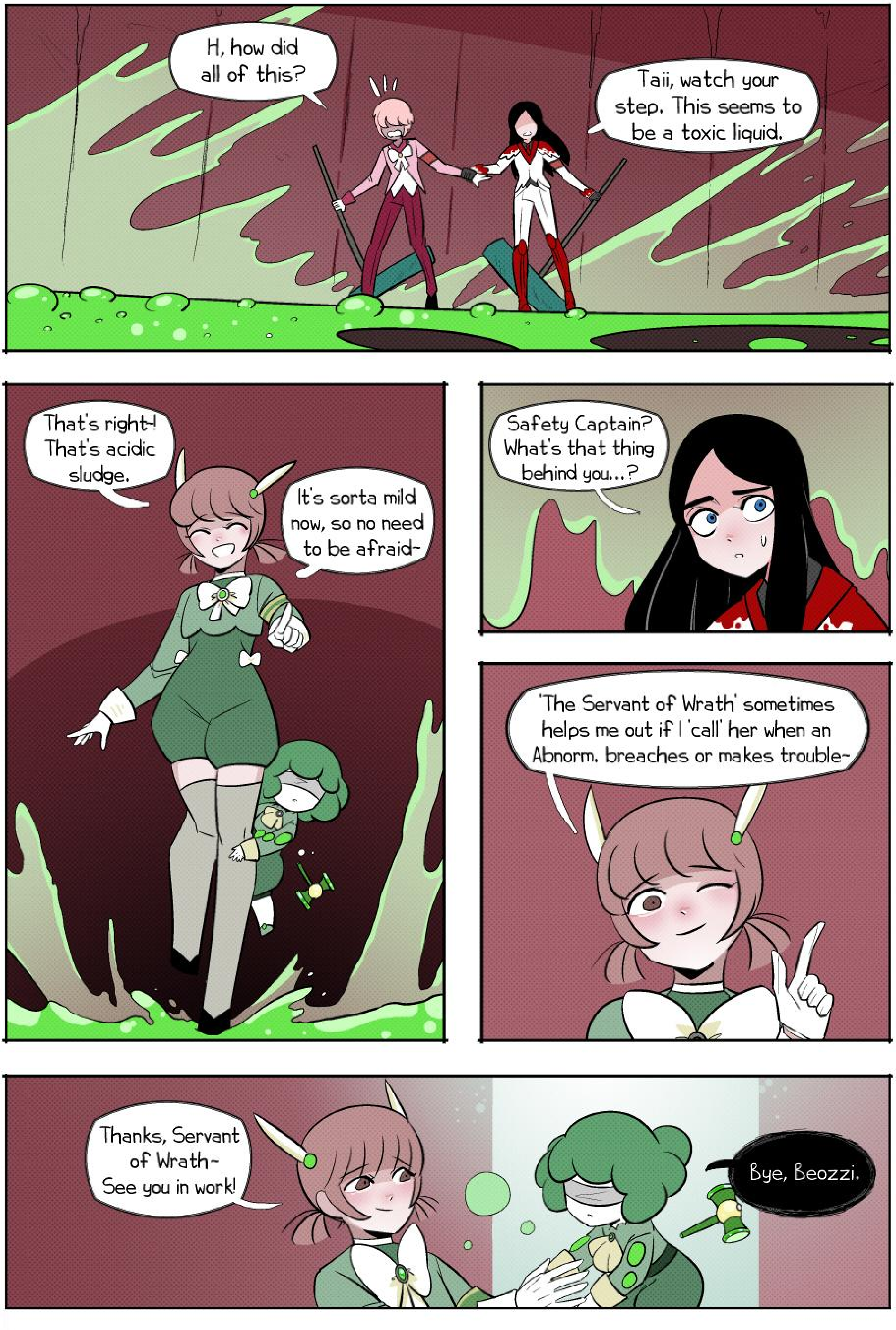
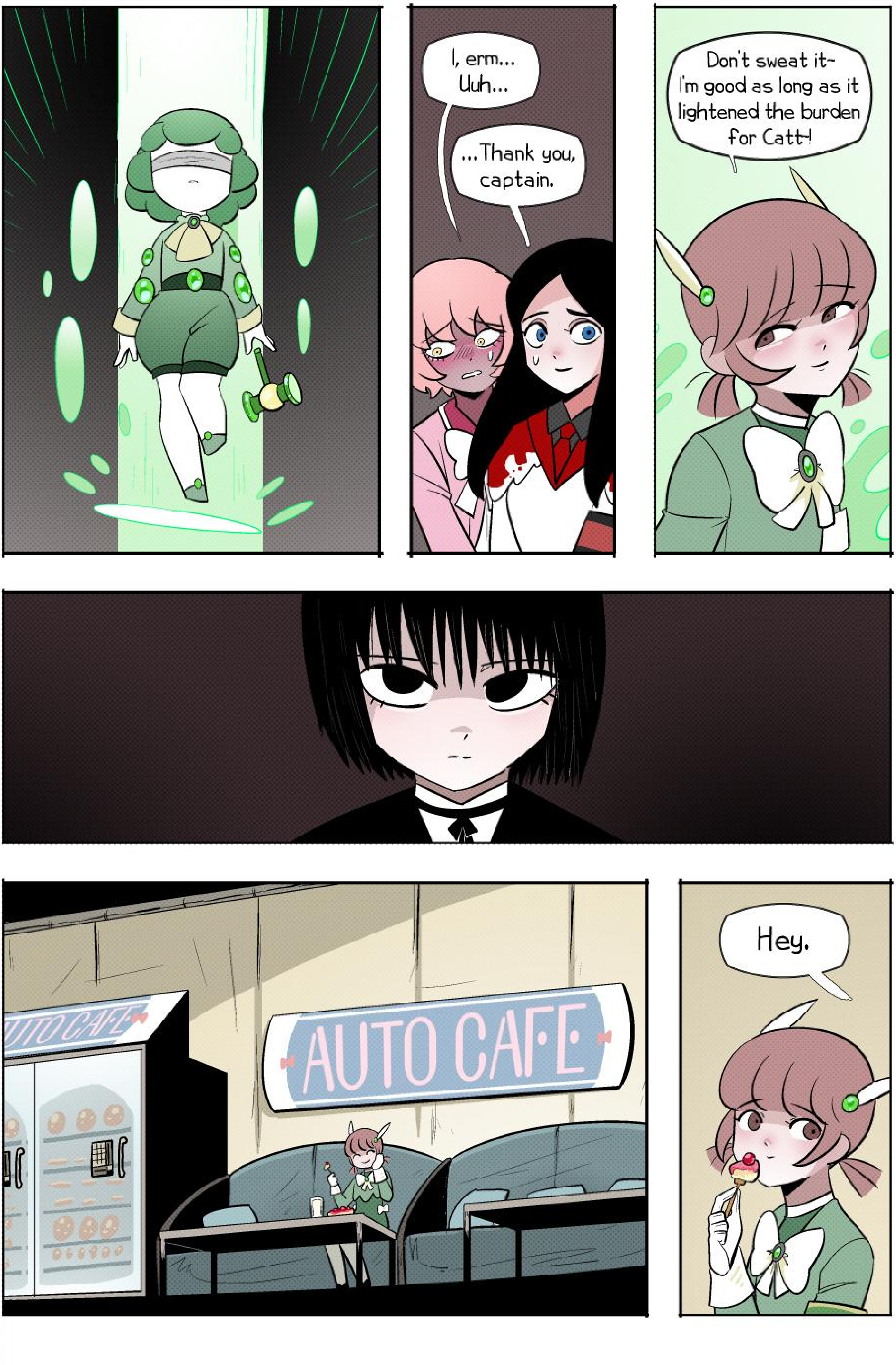

Whenever Tangle breaches... It leaves this mess, Rose...
Mm, it was easy to suppress, but the aftermath is a true hassle to clean up.
...Rose, maybe poke Catt... Y'know...
Got it!
Captain Catt!
Suck my Enegy!
The drink!
I'd like one as well!


What-! You're supposed to ask captain for help!
T-Taii... Thing is, I'm still feeling a bit awkward...
After causing a huge incident like making Caterpillar breach...
I'm just too scared to face our cap... So...
Suck my ENEGY!
Suck my ENEGY!
Thank you!
Thanks, Captain Catt!


H, how did all of this?
Taii, watch your step. This seems to be a toxic liquid.
That's right~! That's acidic sludge.
It's sorta mild now, so no need to be afraid~
Safety Captain? What's that thing behind you...?
'The Servant of Wrath' sometimes helps me out if I 'call' her when an Abnorm. breaches or makes trouble~
Thanks, Servant of Wrath~ See you in work!
Bye, Beozzi.


I, erm... Uuh...
...Thank you, captain.
Don't sweat it~ I'm good as long as it lightened the burden for Catt~!
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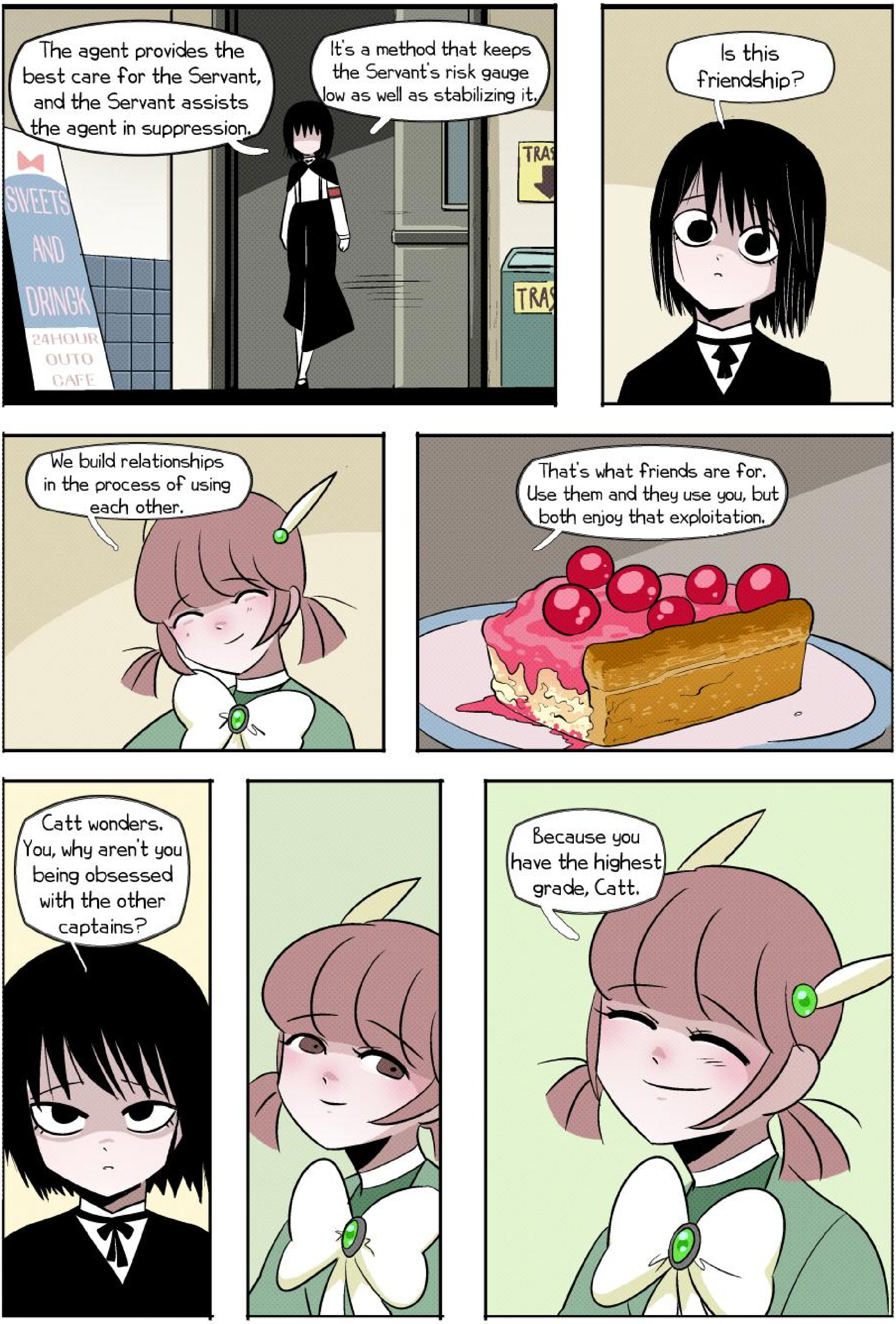
The agent provides the best care for the Servant, and the Servant assists the agent in suppression.
It's a method that keeps the Servant's risk gauge low as well as stabilizing it.
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24HOUR OUTO CAFE
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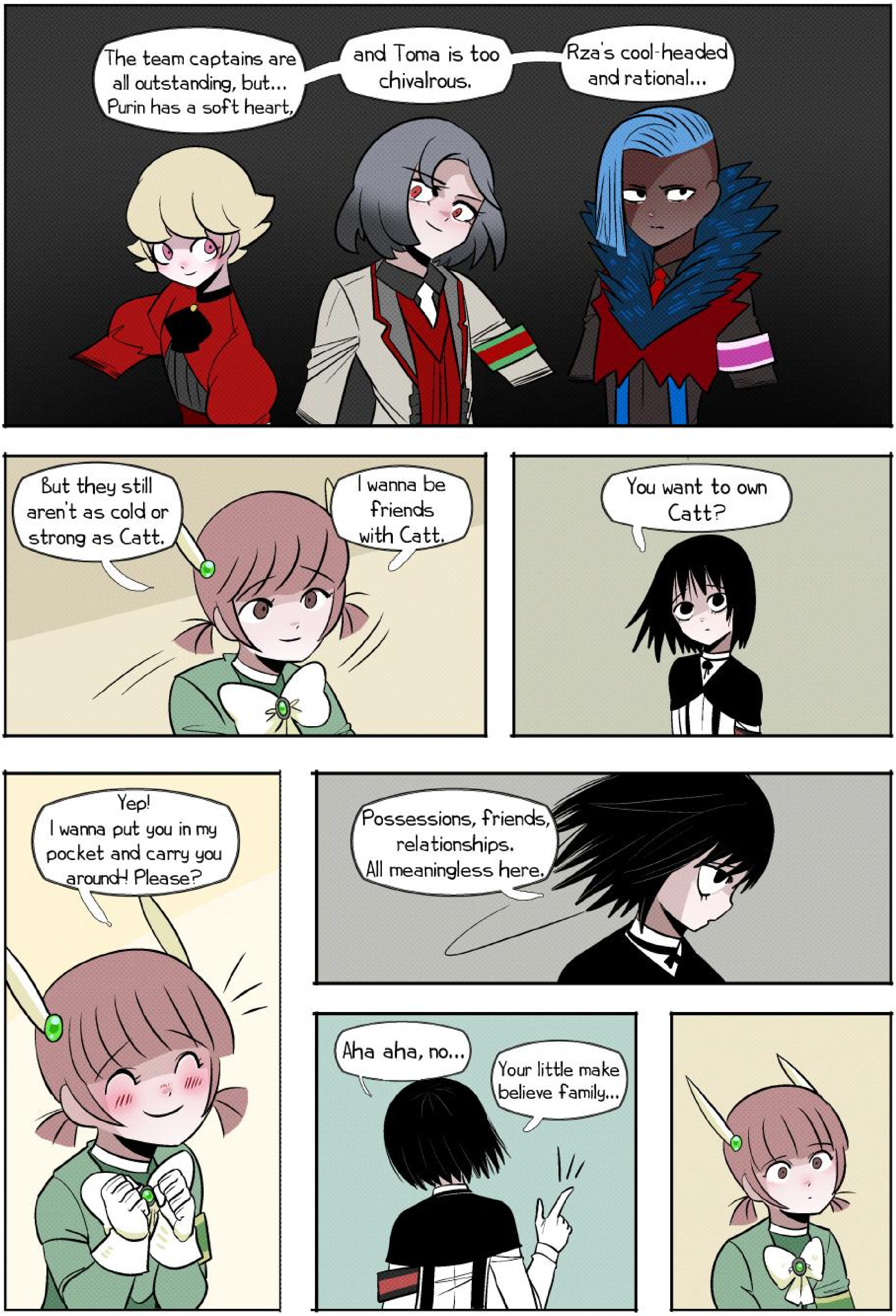
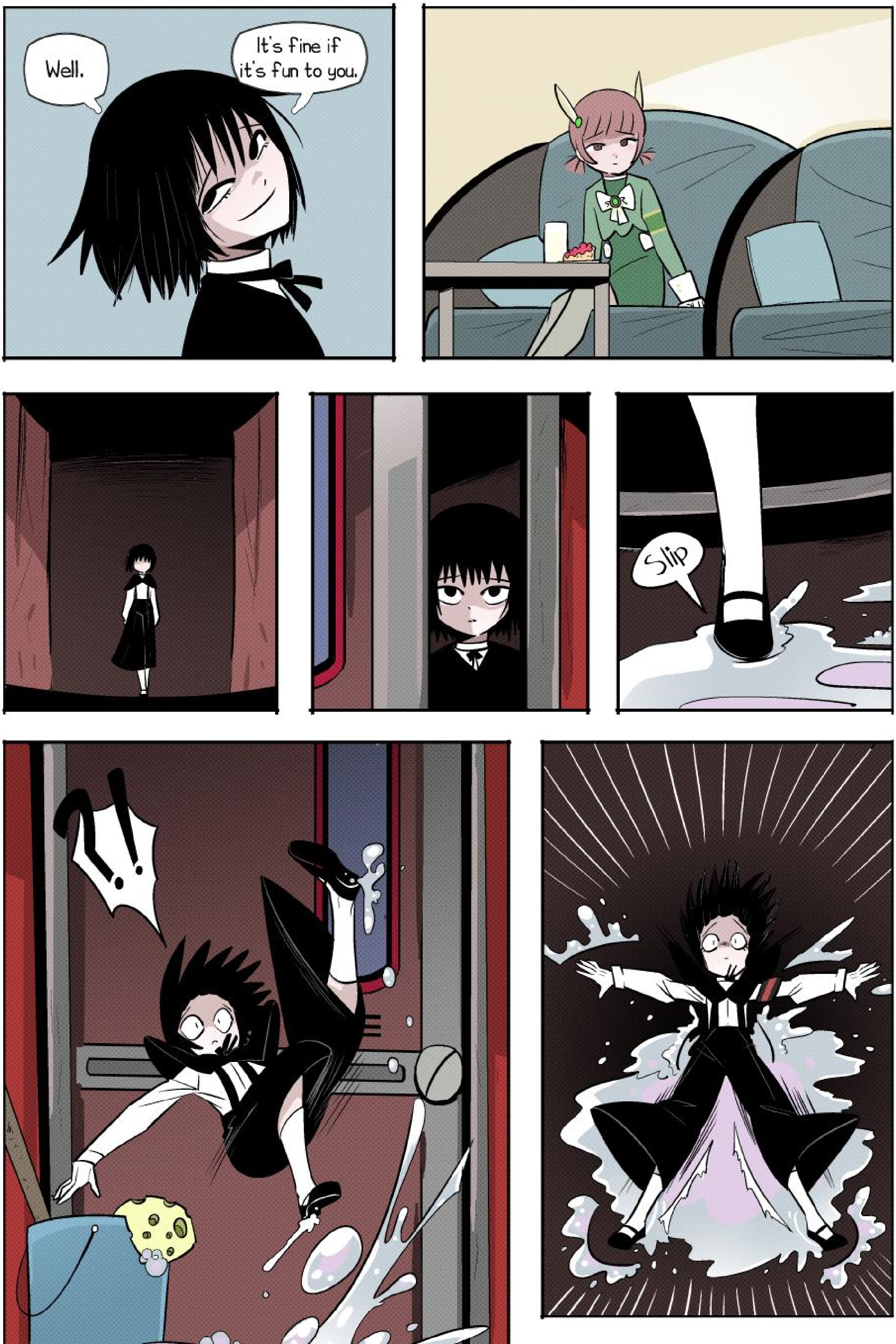
Is this friendship?
We build relationships in the process of using each other.
That's what friends are for. Use them and they use you, but both enjoy that exploitation.
Catt wonders. You, why aren't you being obsessed with the other captains?
Because you have the highest grade, Catt.


The team captains are all outstanding, but... Purin has a soft heart,
and Toma is too chivalrous.
Rza's cool-headed and rational...
But they still aren't as cold or strong as Catt.
I wanna be friends with Catt.
You want to own Catt?
Yep! I wanna put you in my pocket and carry you around! Please?
Possessions, friends, relationships. All meaningless here.
Aha aha, no...
Your little make believe family...


Well.
It's fine if it's fun to you.
Slip
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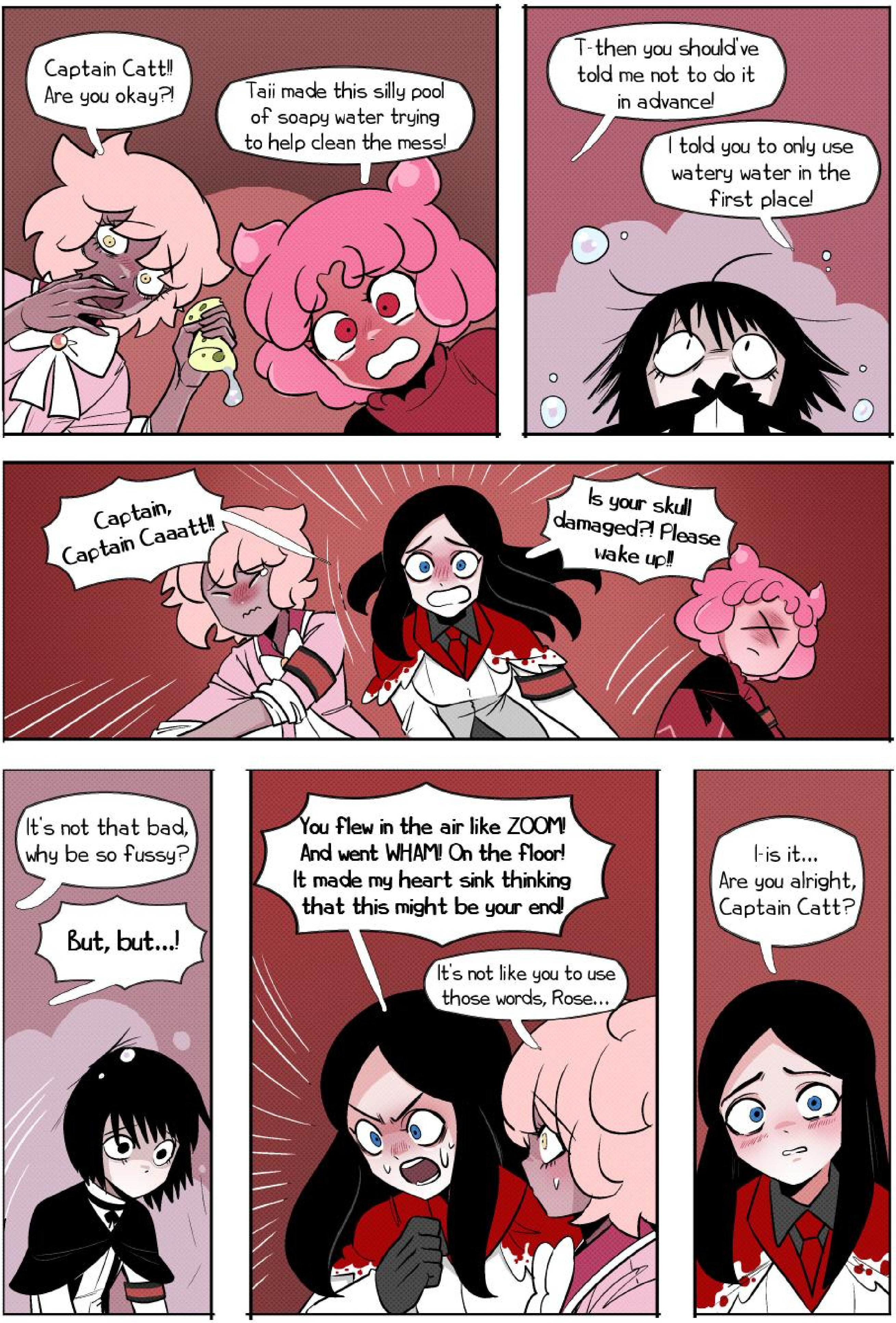
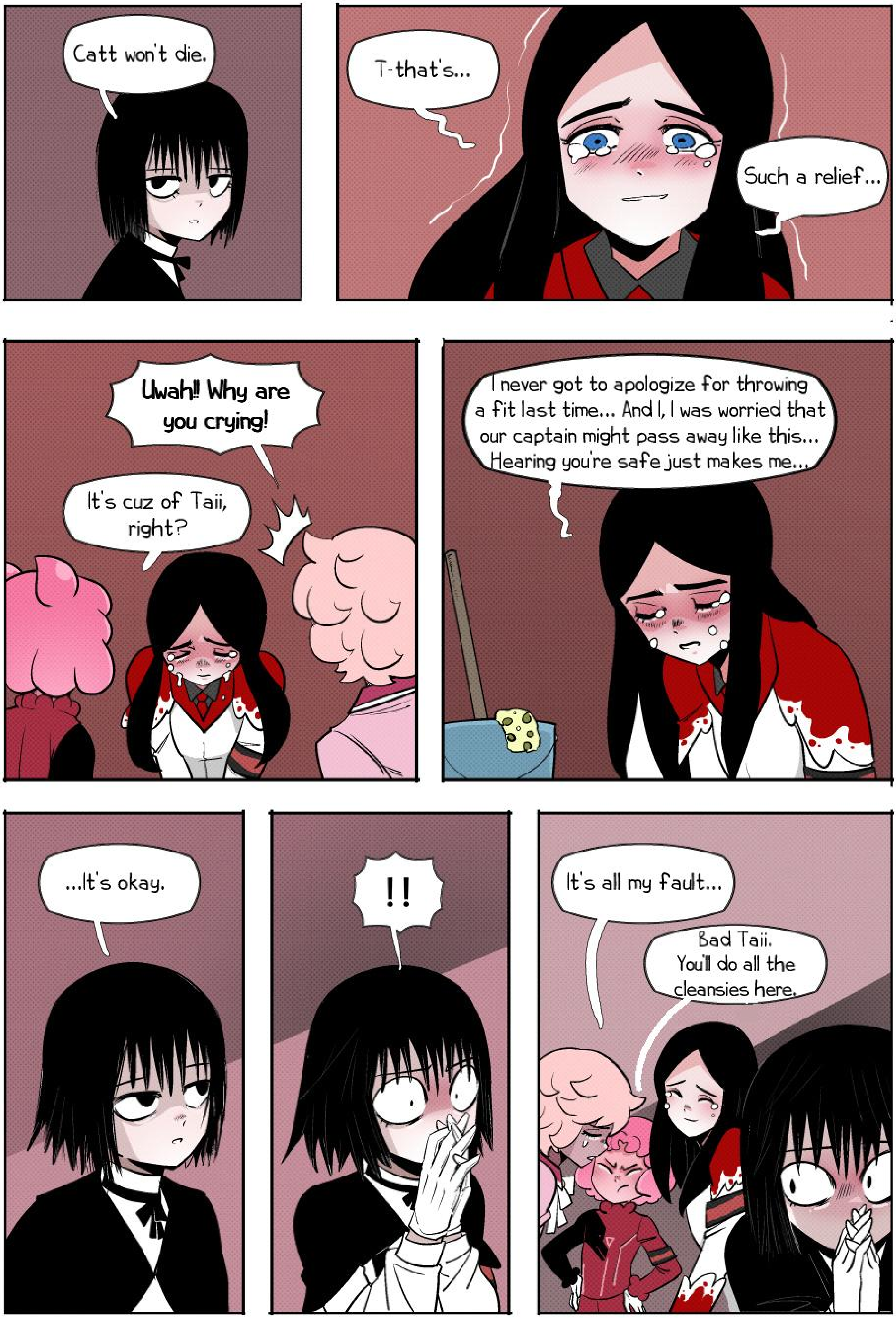

Captain Catt!! Are you okay?!
Taii made this silly pool of soapy water trying to help clean the mess!
T-then you should've told me not to do it in advance!
I told you to only use watery water in the first place!
Captain, Captain Caaatt!!
Is your skull damaged?! Please wake up!!
It's not that bad, why be so fussy?
But, but...!
You flew in the air like ZOOM! And went WHAM! On the floor! It made my heart sink thinking that this might be your end!
It's not like you to use those words, Rose...
I-is it... Are you alright, Captain Catt?


Catt won't die.
T-that's...
Such a relief...
Uwah!! Why are you crying!
It's cuz of Taii, right?
I never got to apologize for throwing a fit last time... And I, I was worried that our captain might pass away like this... Hearing you're safe just makes me...
...It's okay.
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It's all my fault...
Bad Taii. You'll do all the cleansies here.

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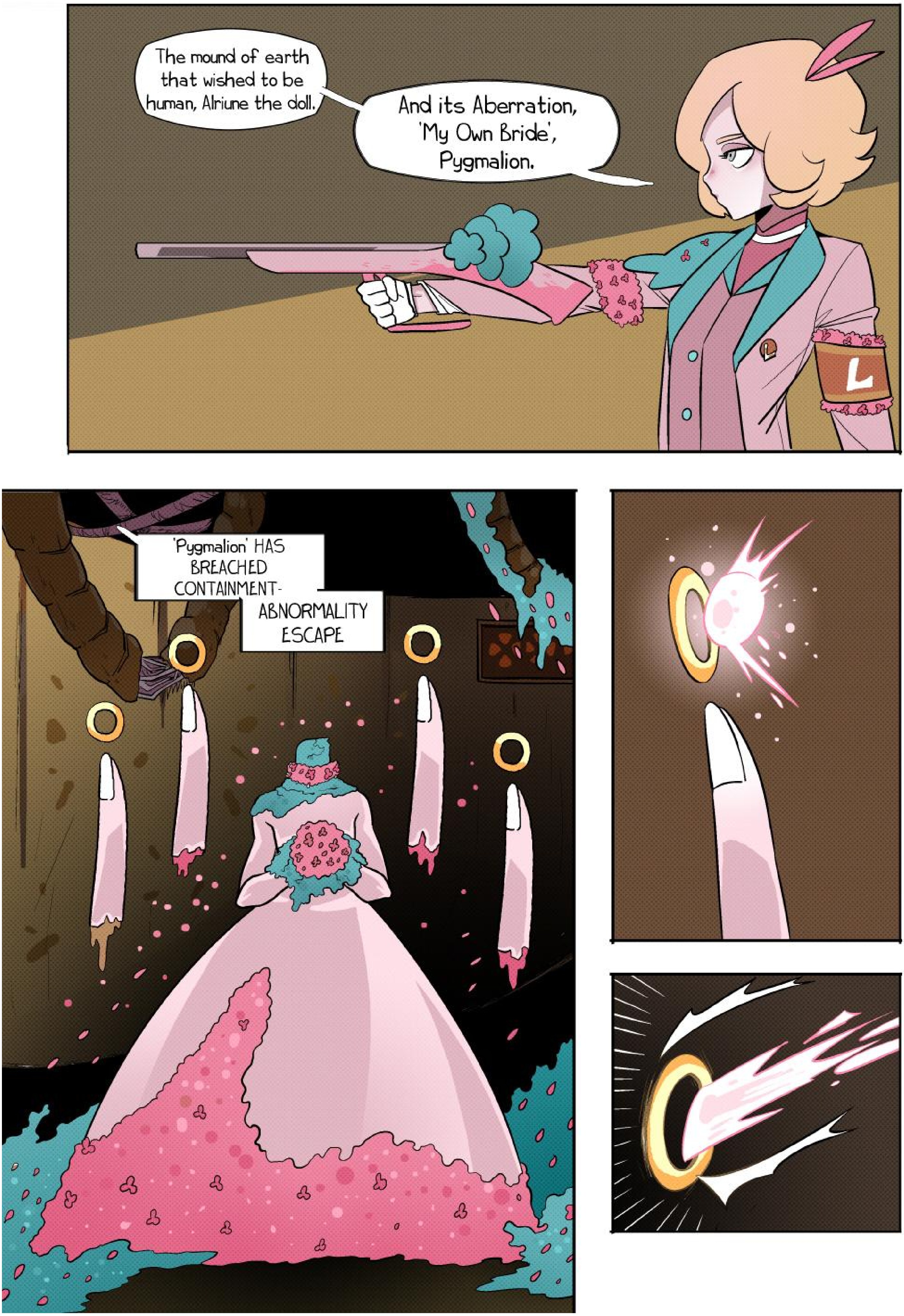
The mound of earth that wished to be human, Alriune the doll.
And its Aberration, 'My Own Bride', Pygmalion.
'Pygmalion' HAS BREACHED CONTAINMENT-
ABNORMALITY ESCAPE
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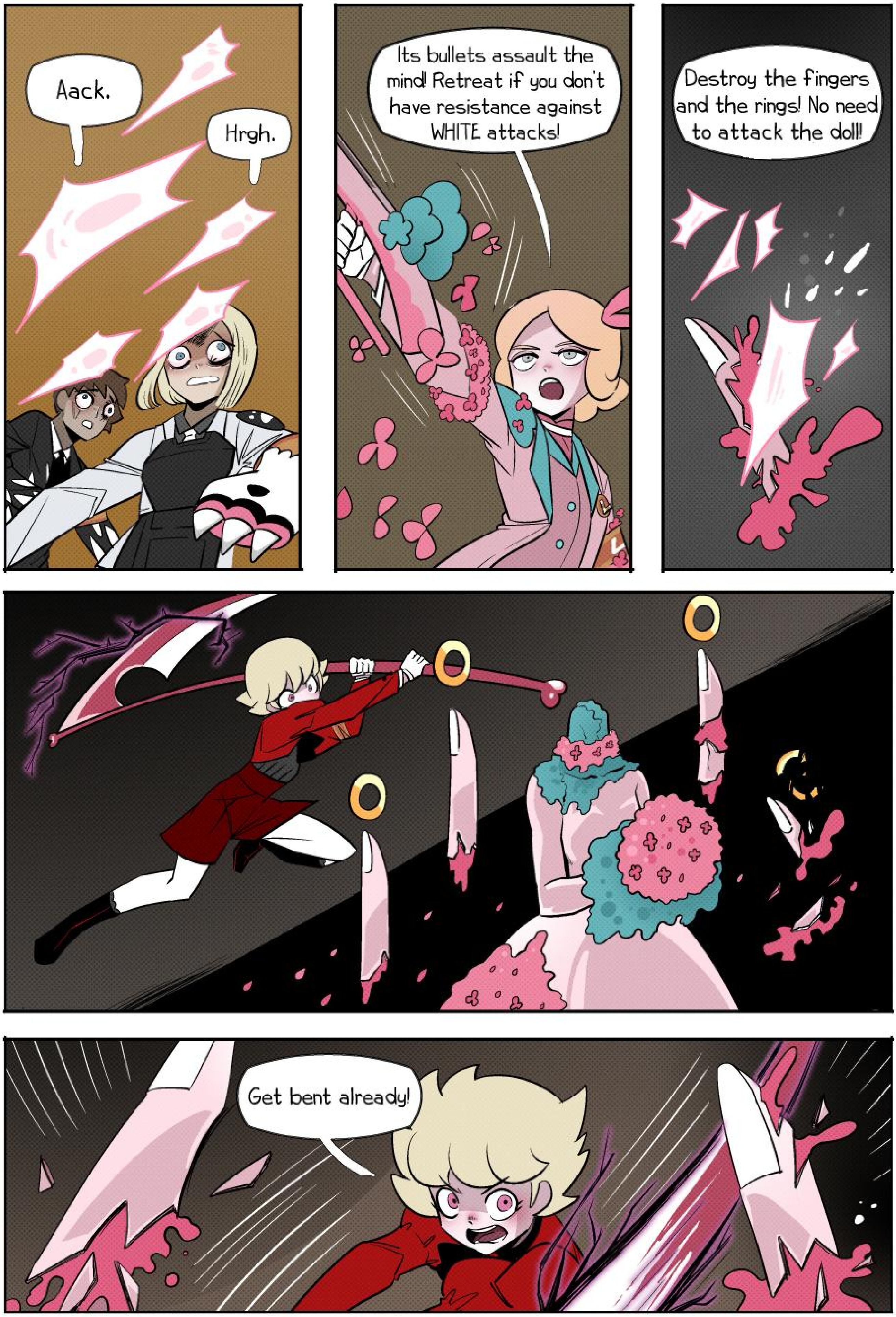
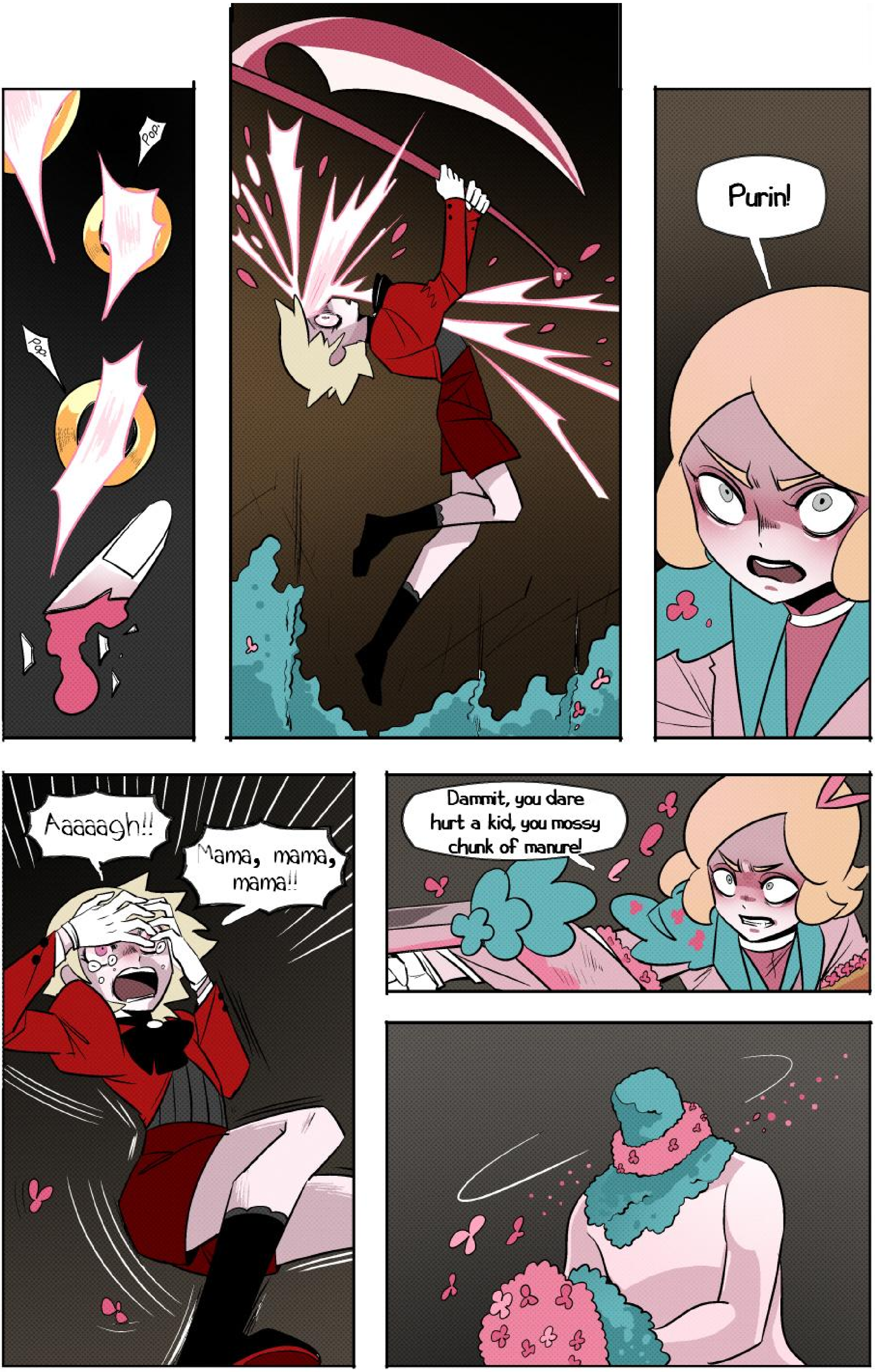

Aack.
Hrgh.
Its bullets assault the mind! Retreat if you don't have resistance against WHITE attacks!
Destroy the fingers and the rings! No need to attack the doll!
Get bent already!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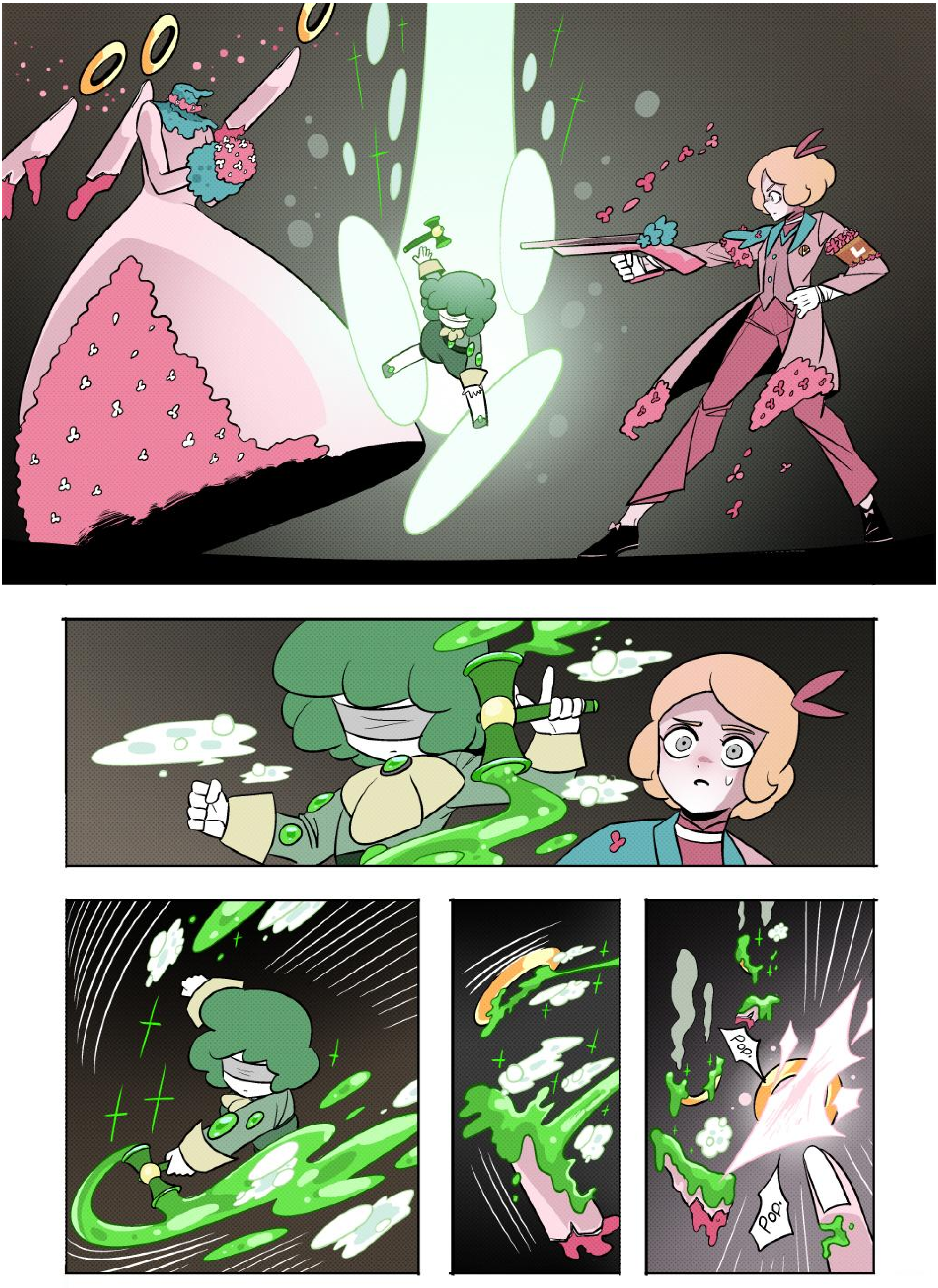
Purin!
Aaaaagh!!
Mama, mama, mama!!
Dammit, you dare hurt a kid, you mossy chunk of manure!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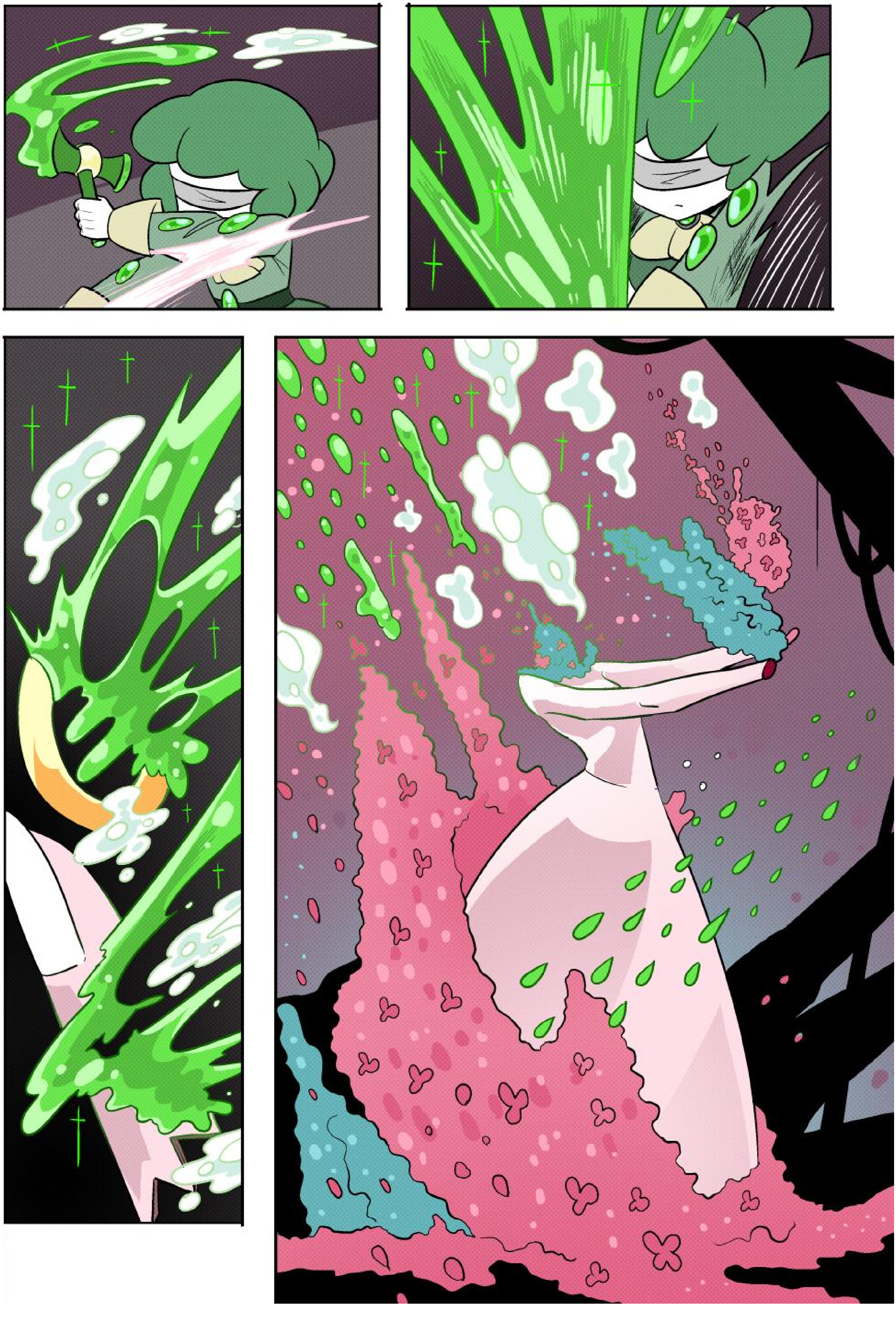
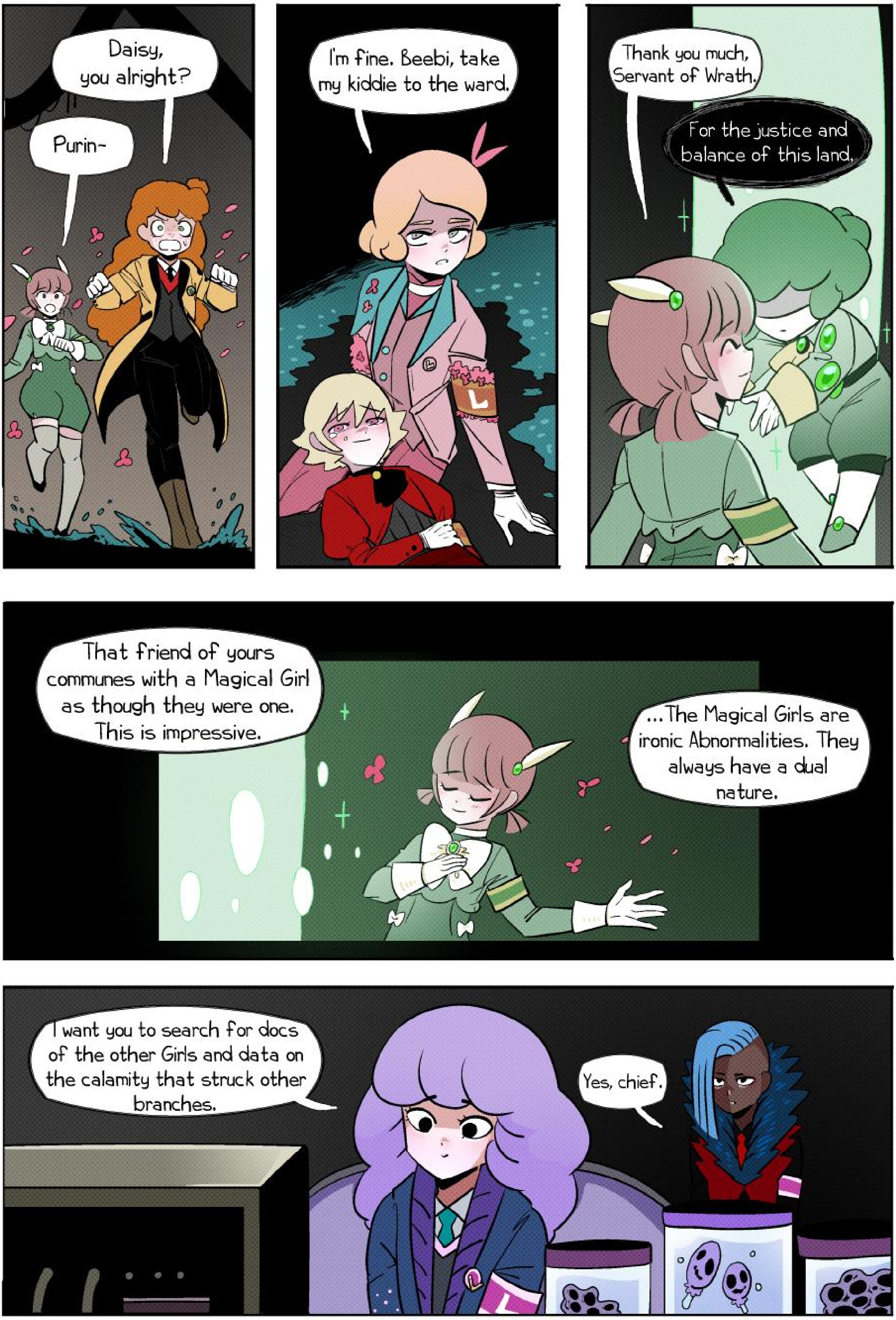
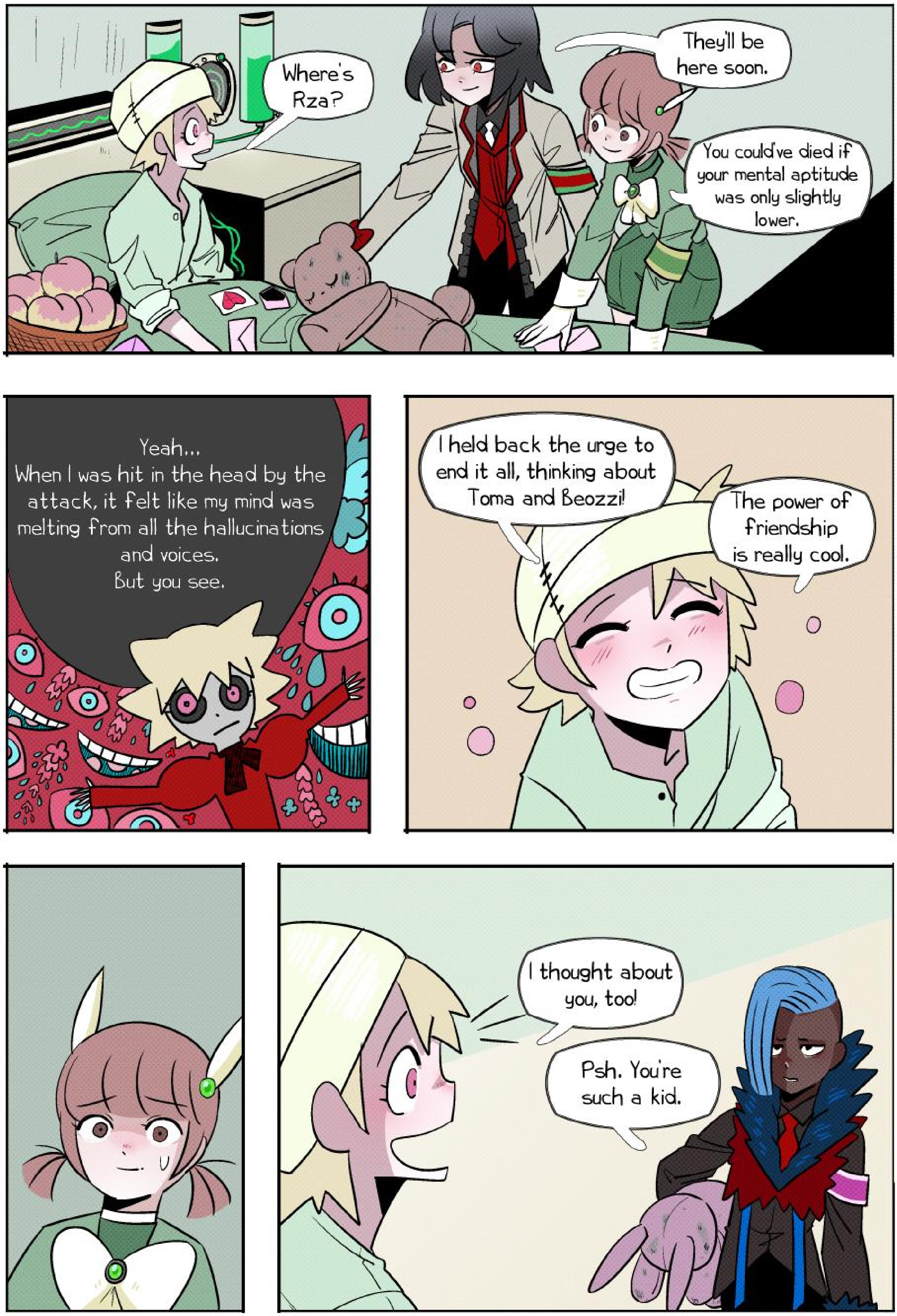
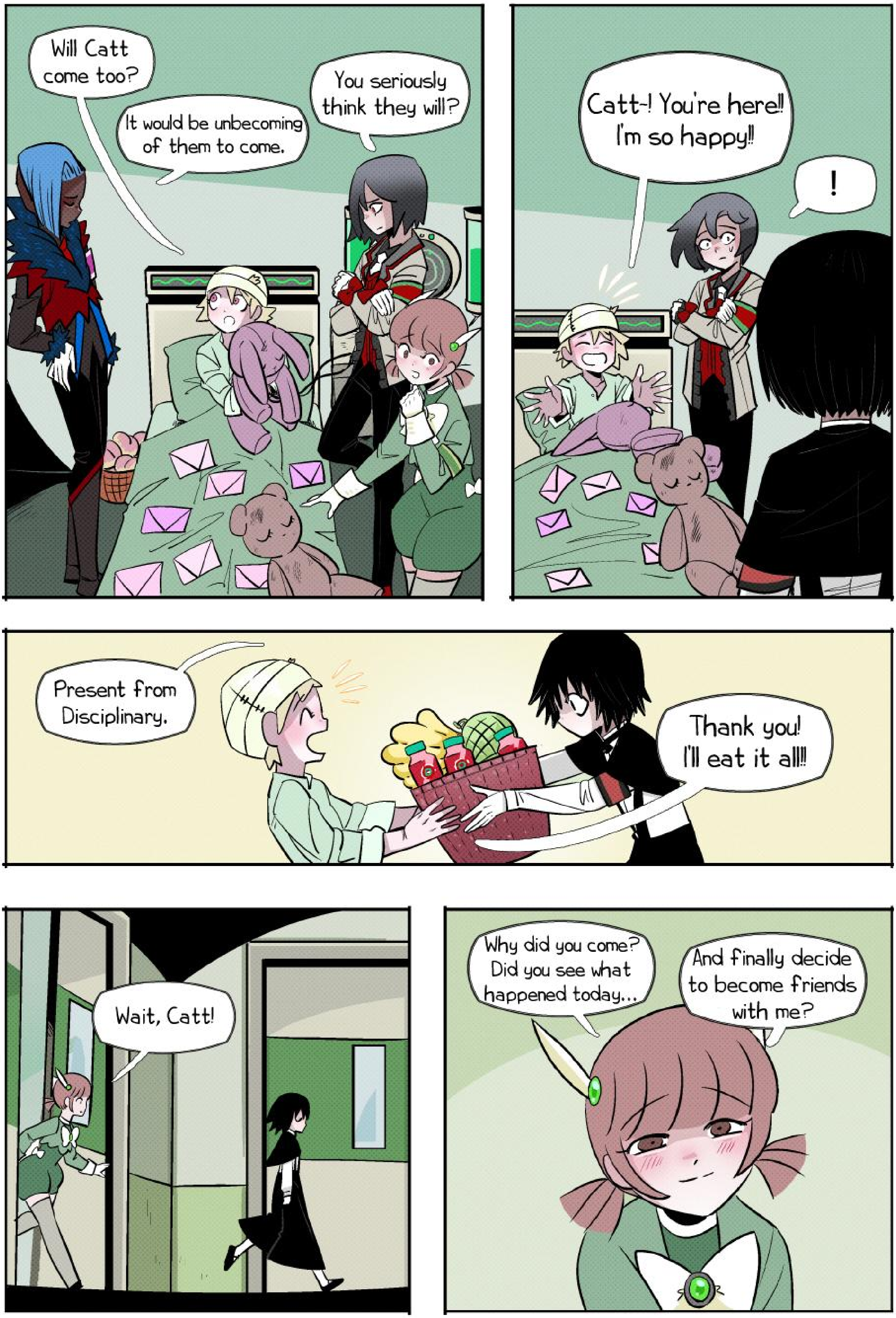



Daisy, you alright?
Purin~
I'm fine. Beebi, take my kiddie to the ward.
Thank you much, Servant of Wrath.
For the justice and balance of this land.
That friend of yours communes with a Magical Girl as though they were one. This is impressive.
...The Magical Girls are ironic Abnormalities. They always have a dual nature.
I want you to search for docs of the other Girls and data on the calamity that struck other branches.
Yes, chief.


Where's Rza?
They'll be here soon.
You could've died if your mental aptitude was only slightly lower.
Yeah...
When I was hit in the head by the attack, it felt like my mind was melting from all the hallucinations and voices.
But you see.
I held back the urge to end it all, thinking about Toma and Beozzi!
The power of friendship is really cool.
I thought about you, too!
Psh. You're such a kid.


Will Catt come too?
It would be unbecoming of them to come.
You seriously think they will?
Catt~! You're here!! I'm so happy!!
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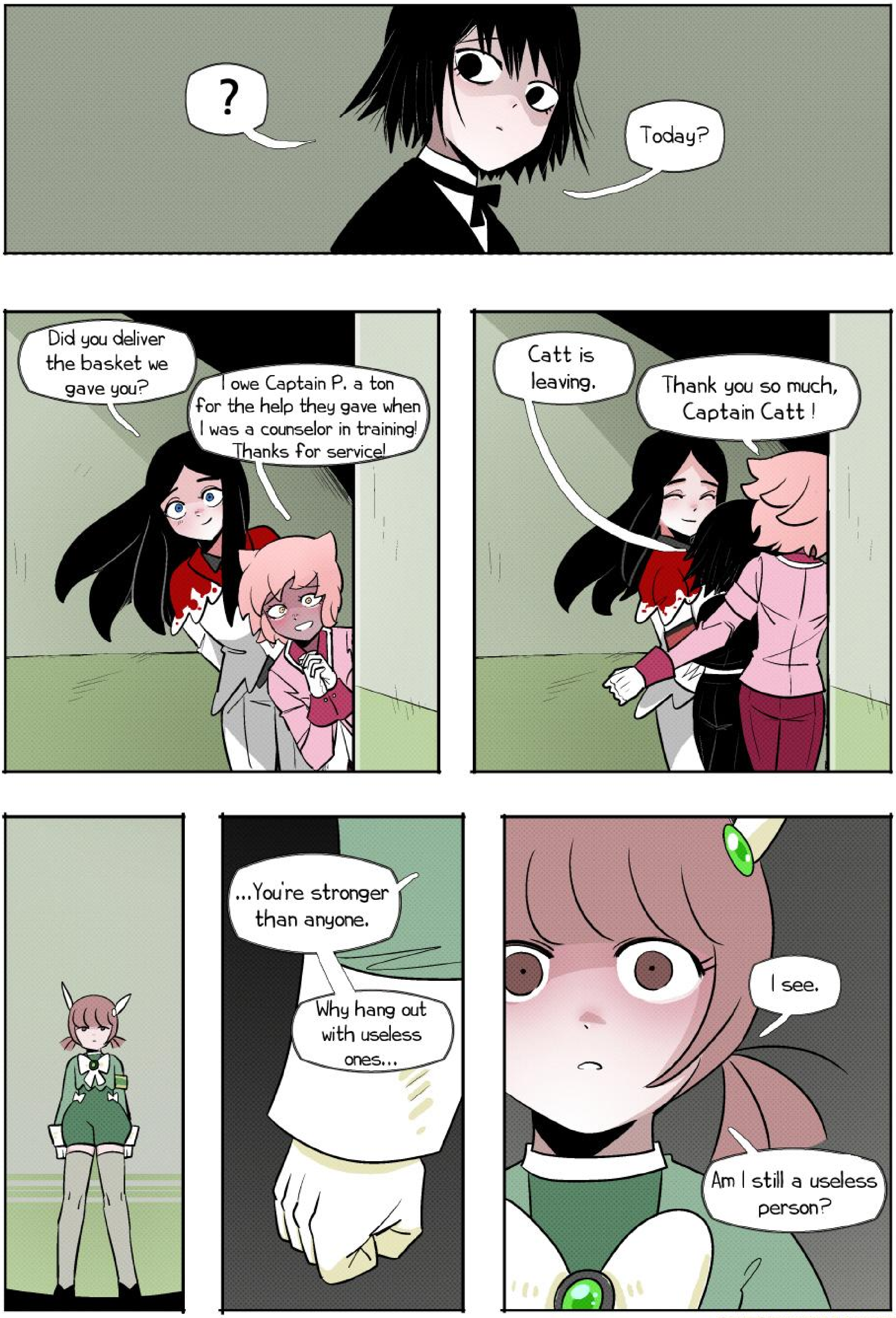
Present from Disciplinary.
Thank you! I'll eat it all!!
Wait, Catt!
Why did you come? Did you see what happened today...
And finally decide to become friends with me?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Today?
Did you deliver the basket we gave you?
I owe Captain P. a ton for the help they gave when I was a counselor in training! Thanks for service!
Catt is leaving.
Thank you so much, Captain Catt !
...You're stronger than anyone.
Why hang out with useless ones...
I see.
Am I still a useless person?

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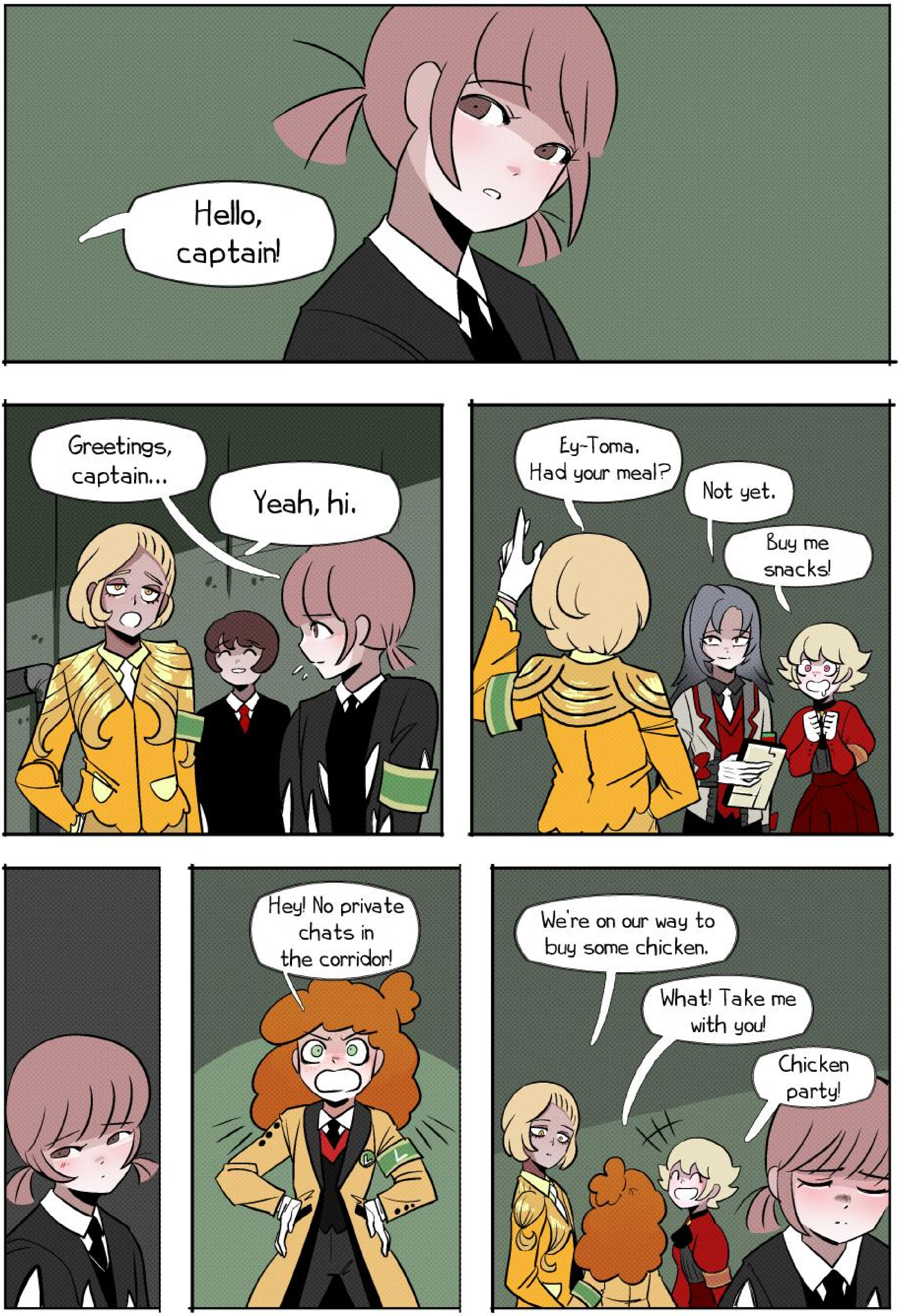
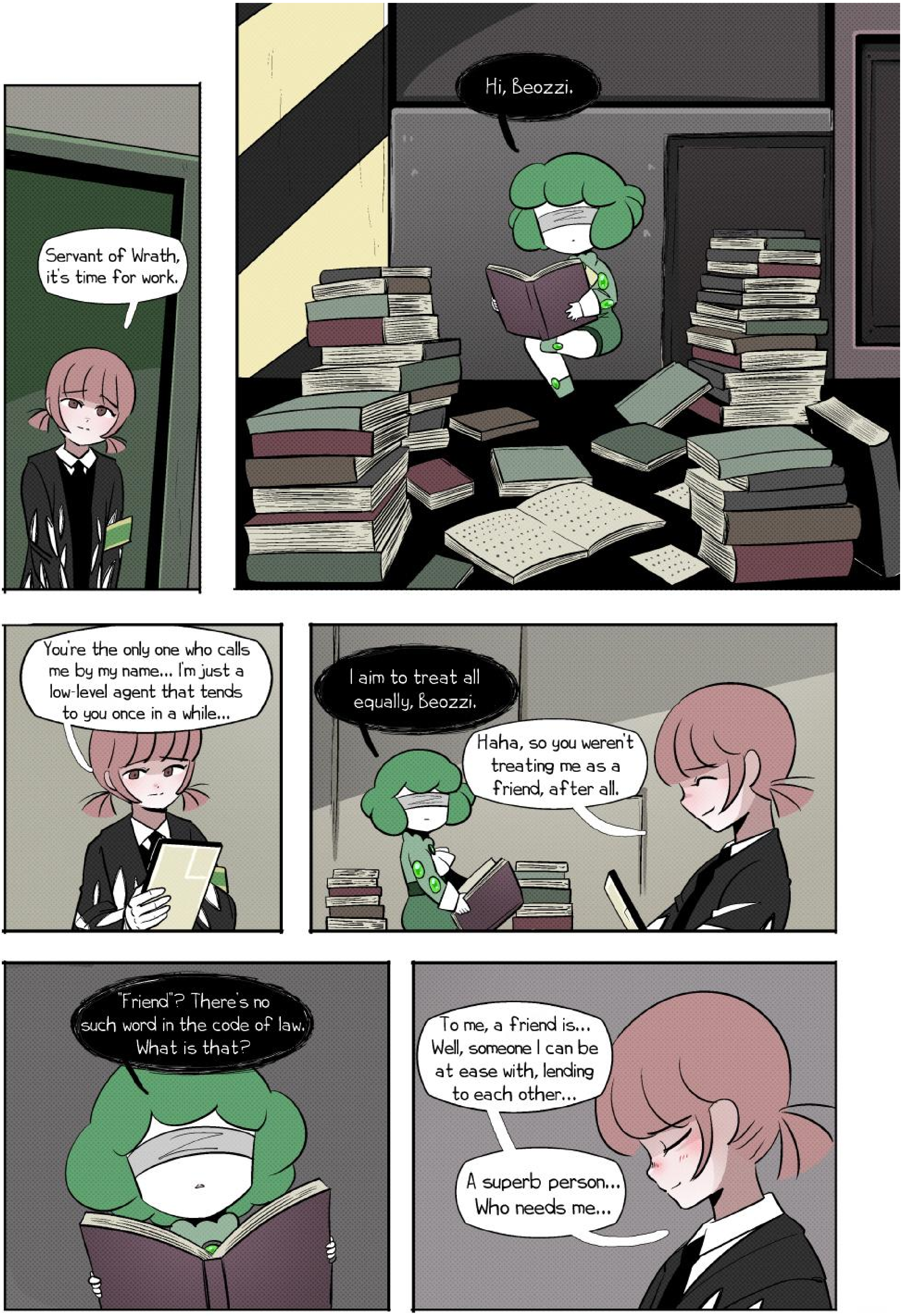
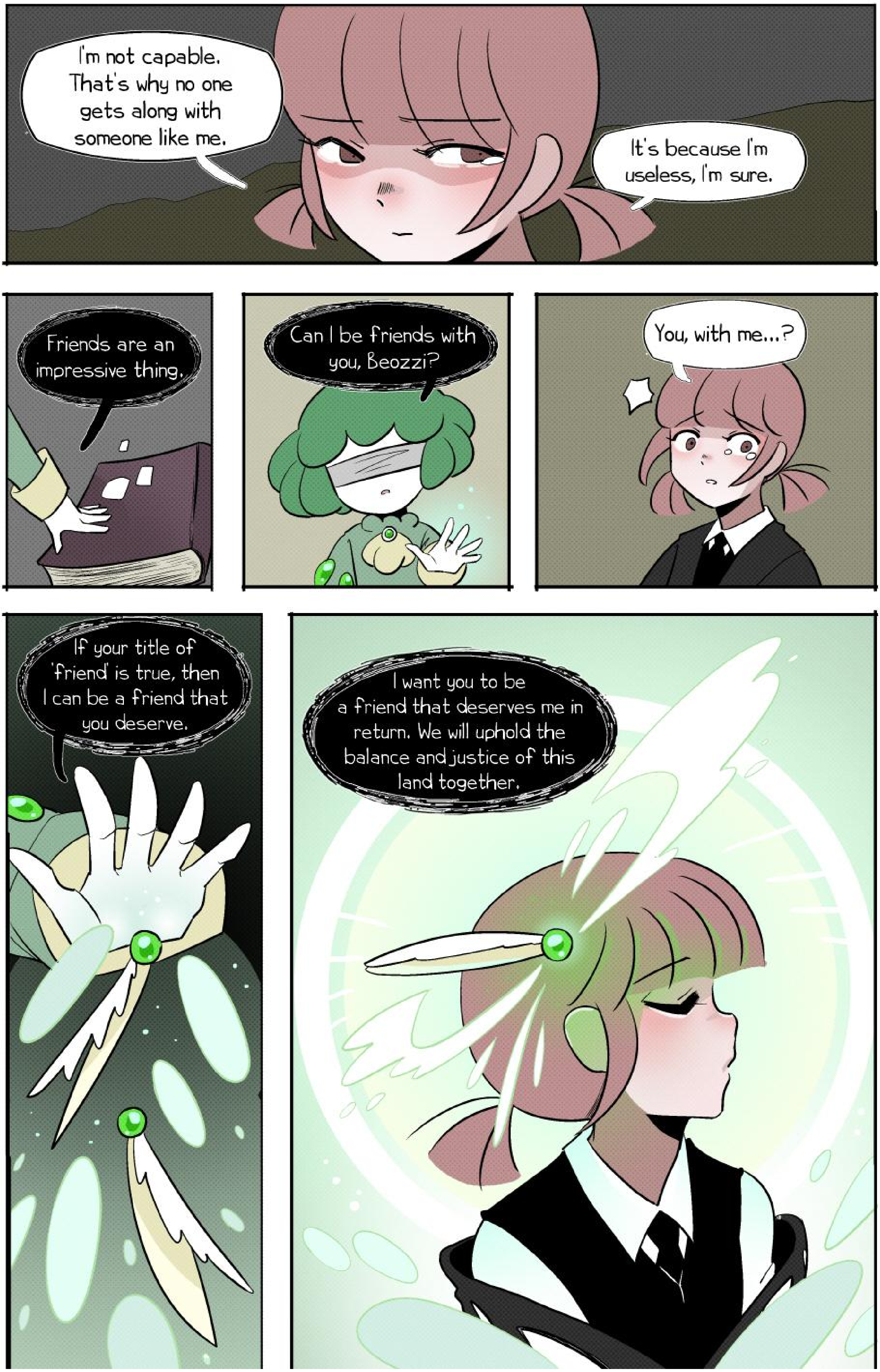
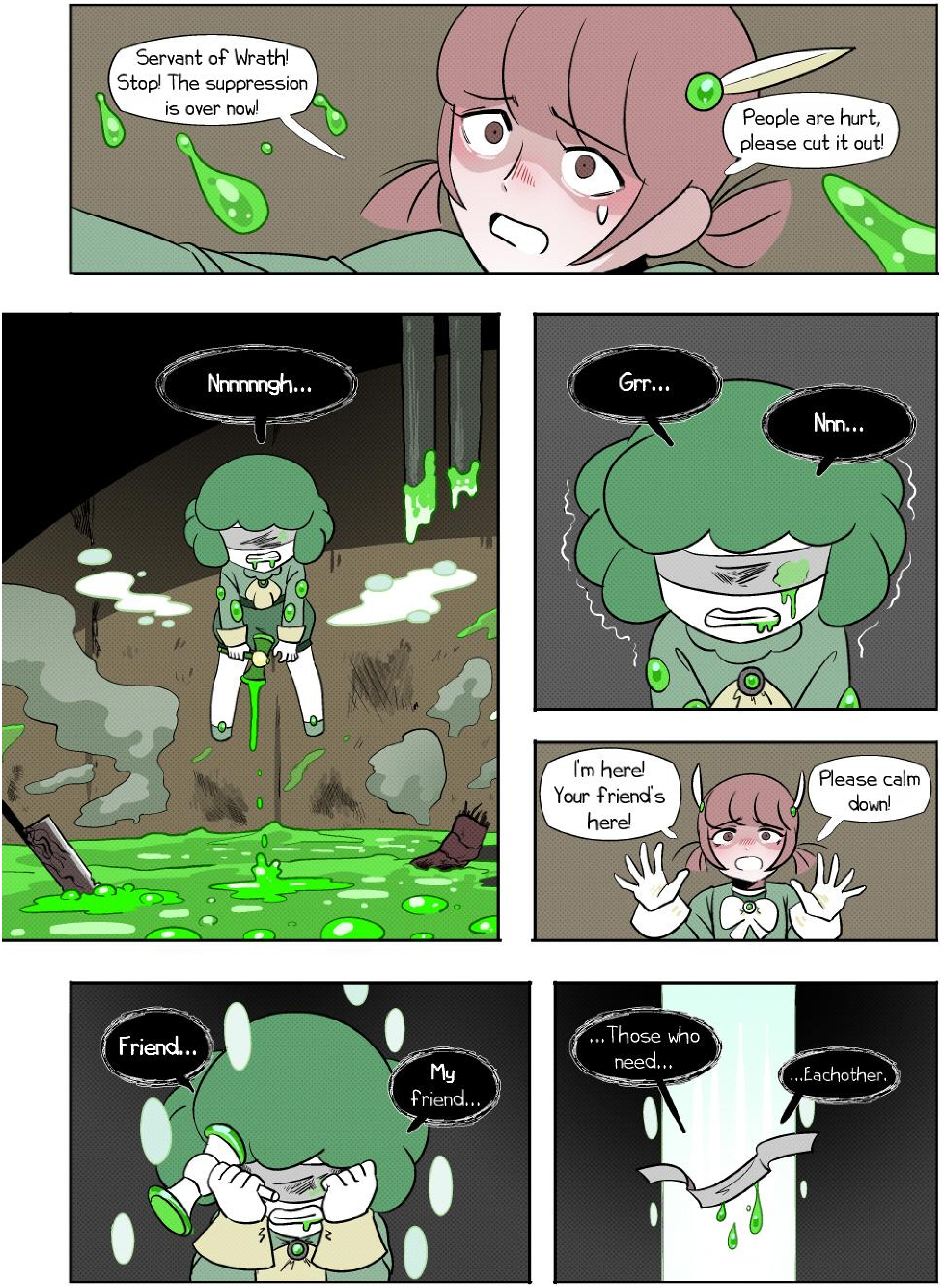
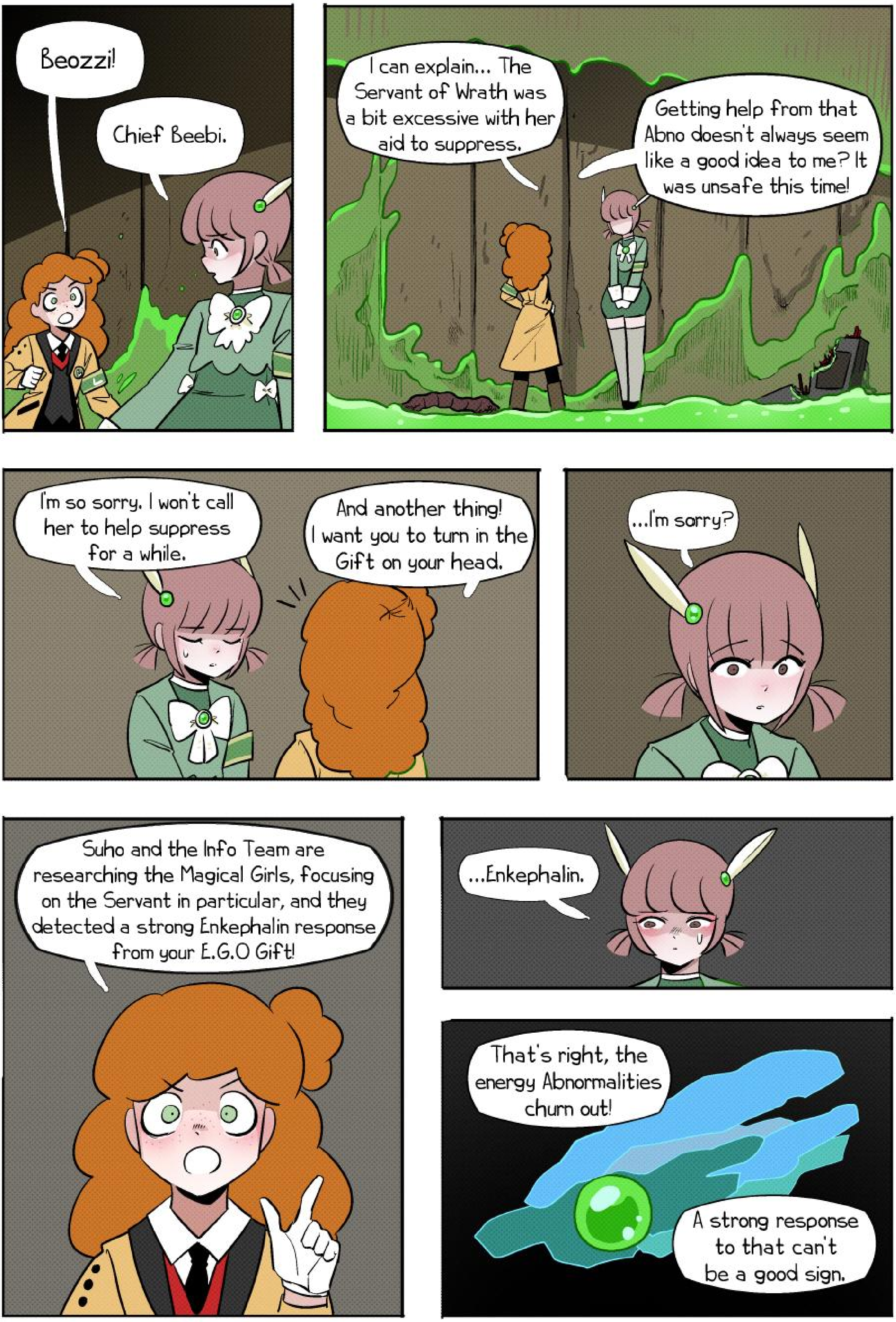
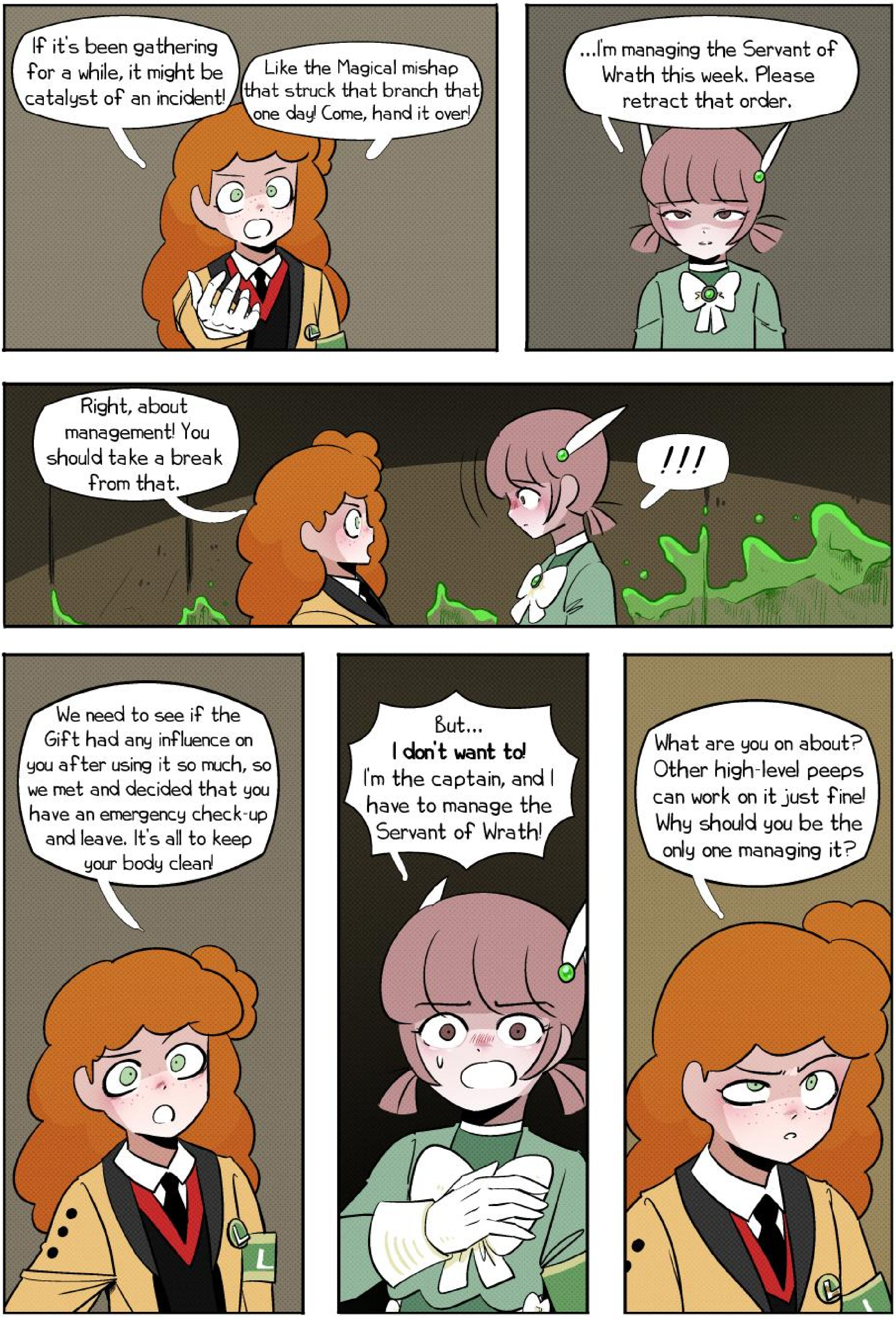

Hello, captain!
Greetings, captain...
Yeah, hi.
Ey-Toma. Had your meal?
Not yet.
Buy me snacks!
Hey! No private chats in the corridor!
We're on our way to buy some chicken.
What! Take me with you!
Chicken party!

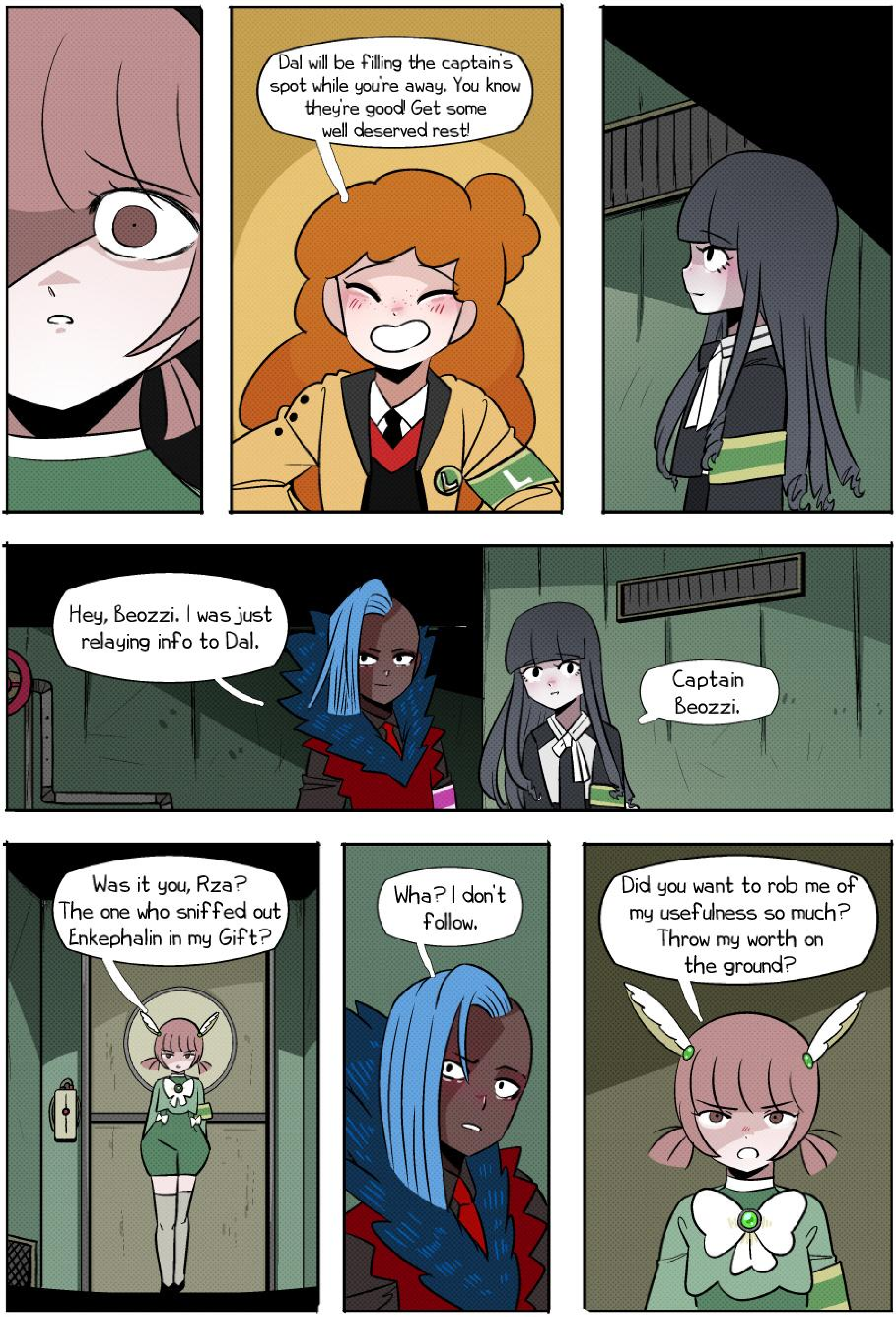

Servant of Wrath, it's time for work.
Hi, Beozzi.
You're the only one who calls me by my name... I'm just a low-level agent that tends to you once in a while...
I aim to treat all equally, Beozzi.
Haha, so you weren't treating me as a friend, after all.
"Friend"? There's no such word in the code of law. What is that?
To me, a friend is... Well, someone I can be at ease with, lending to each other...
A superb person... Who needs me...

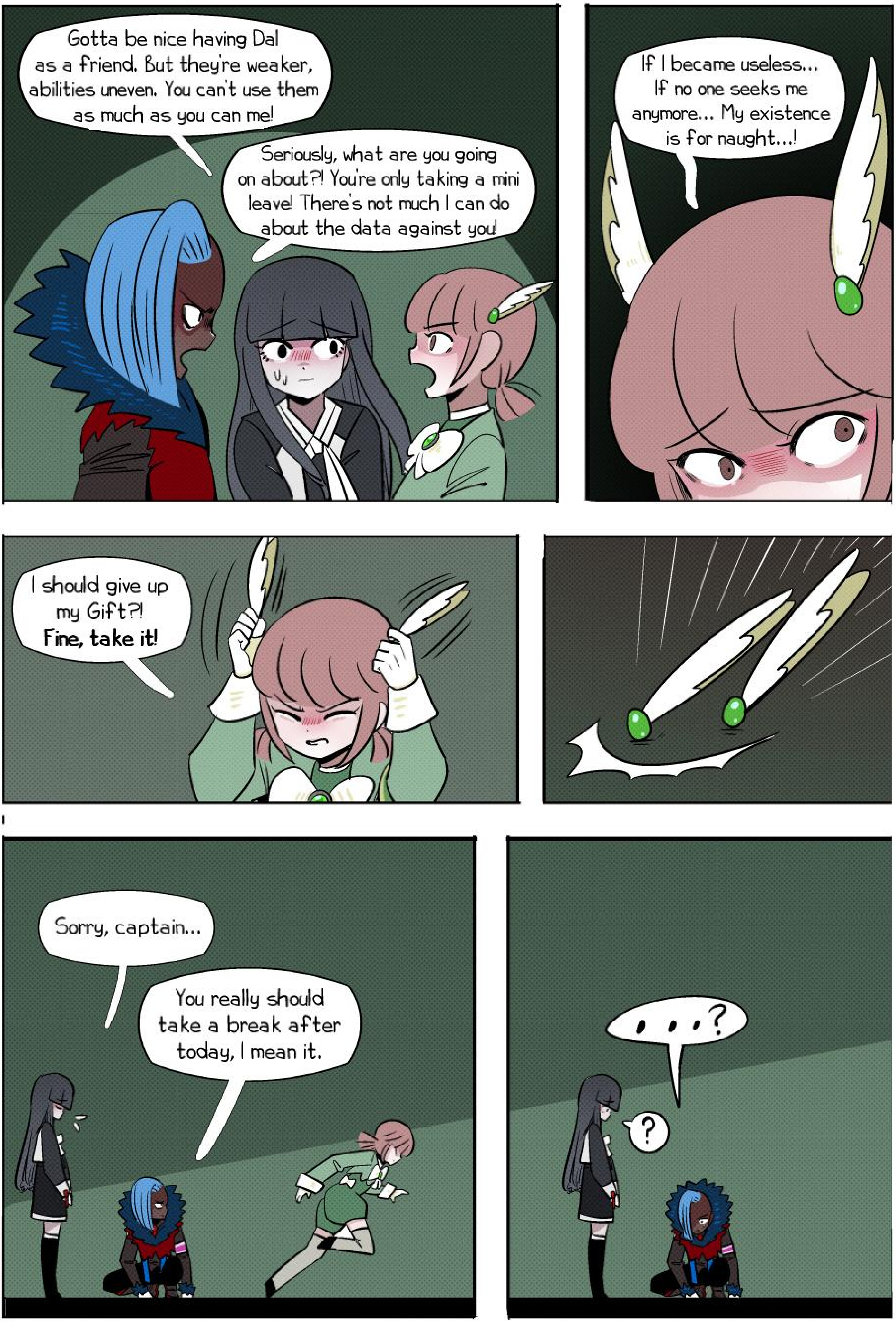

I'm not capable. That's why no one gets along with someone like me.
It's because I'm useless, I'm sure.
Friends are an impressive thing.
Can I be friends with you, Beozzi?
You, with me...?
If your title of 'friend' is true, then I can be a friend that you deserve.
I want you to be a friend that deserves me in return. We will uphold the balance and justice of this land together.


Servant of Wrath! Stop! The suppression is over now!
People are hurt, please cut it out!
Nnnnngh...
Grr...
Nnn...
I'm here! Your friend's here!
Please calm down!
Friend...
My friend...
...Those who need...
...Eachother.


Beozzi!
Chief Beebi.
I can explain... The Servant of Wrath was a bit excessive with her aid to suppress.
Getting help from that Abno doesn't always seem like a good idea to me? It was unsafe this time!
I'm so sorry. I won't call her to help suppress for a while.
And another thing! I want you to turn in the Gift on your head.
...I'm sorry?
Suho and the Info Team are researching the Magical Girls, focusing on the Servant in particular, and they detected a strong Enkephalin response from your E.G.O Gift!
...Enkephalin.
That's right, the energy Abnormalities churn out!
A strong response to that can't be a good sign.


If it's been gathering for a while, it might be catalyst of an incident!
Like the Magical mishap that struck that branch that one day! Come, hand it over!
...I'm managing the Servant of Wrath this week. Please retract that order.
Right, about management! You should take a break from that.
!!!
We need to see if the Gift had any influence on you after using it so much, so we met and decided that you have an emergency check-up and leave. It's all to keep your body clean!
But... **I don't want to!** I'm the captain, and I have to manage the Servant of Wrath!
What are you on about? Other high-level peeps can work on it just fine! Why should you be the only one managing it?


Dal will be filling the captain's spot while you're away. You know they're good! Get some well deserved rest!
Hey, Beozzi. I was just relaying info to Dal.
Captain Beozzi.
Was it you, Rza? The one who sniffed out Enkephalin in my Gift?
Wha? I don't follow.
Did you want to rob me of my usefulness so much? Throw my worth on the ground?


Gotta be nice having Dal as a friend. But they're weaker, abilities uneven. You can't use them as much as you can me!
Seriously, what are you going on about?! You're only taking a mini leave! There's not much I can do about the data against you!
If I became useless... If no one seeks me anymore... My existence is for naught...!
I should give up my Gift?! **Fine, take it!**
Sorry, captain...
You really should take a break after today, I mean it.
...?
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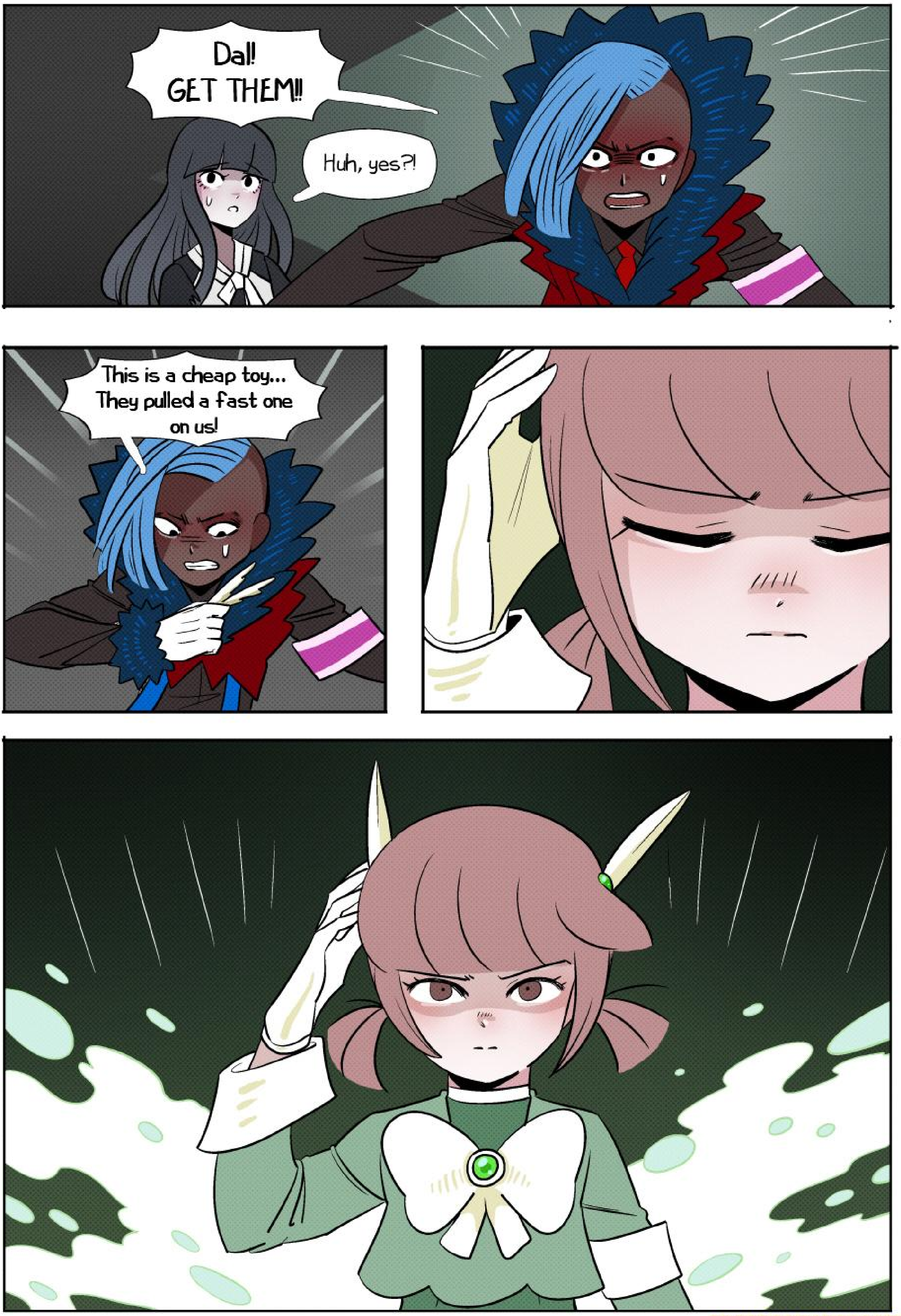
Dal!
GET THEM!!
Huh, yes?!
This is a cheap toy... They pulled a fast one on us!

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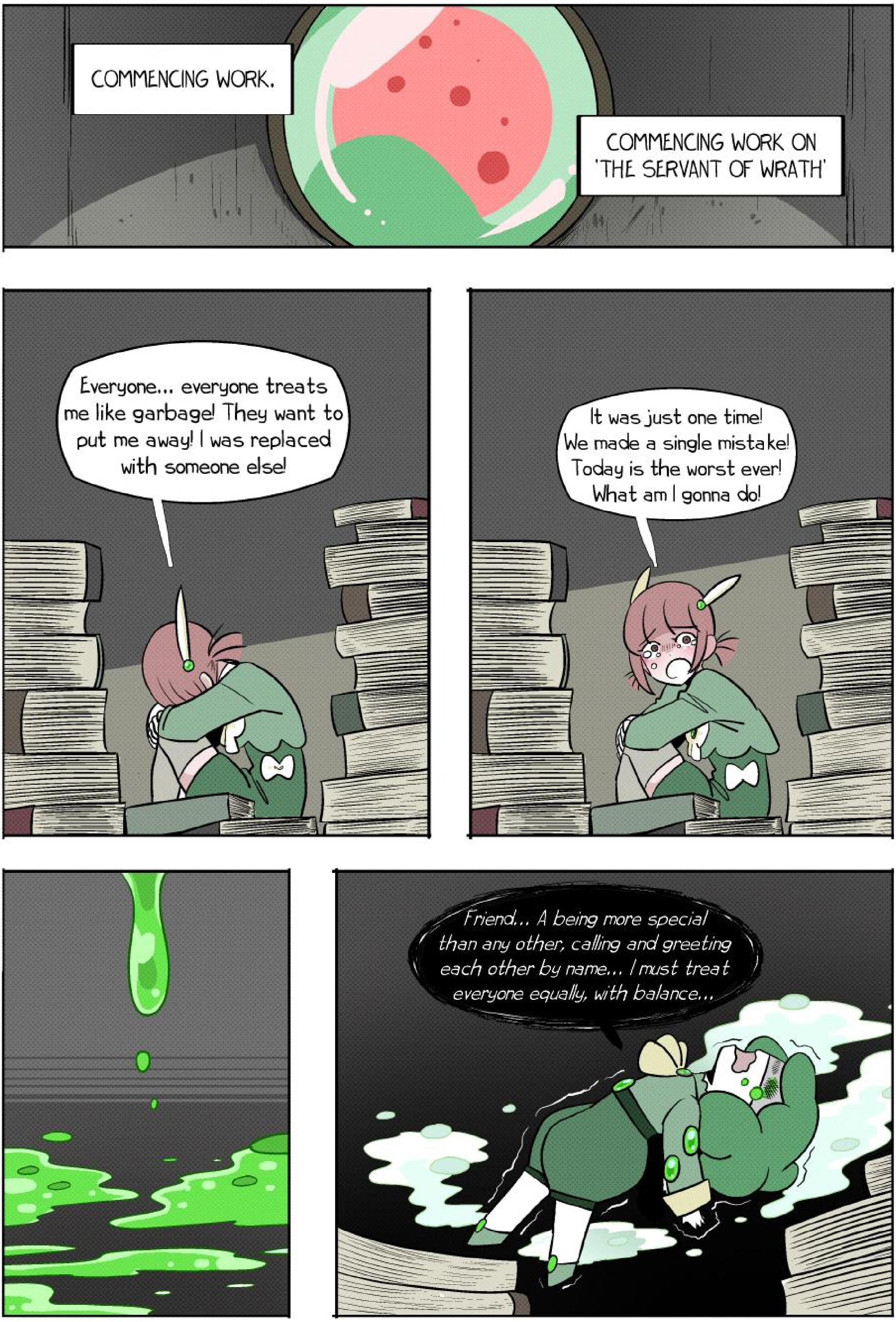
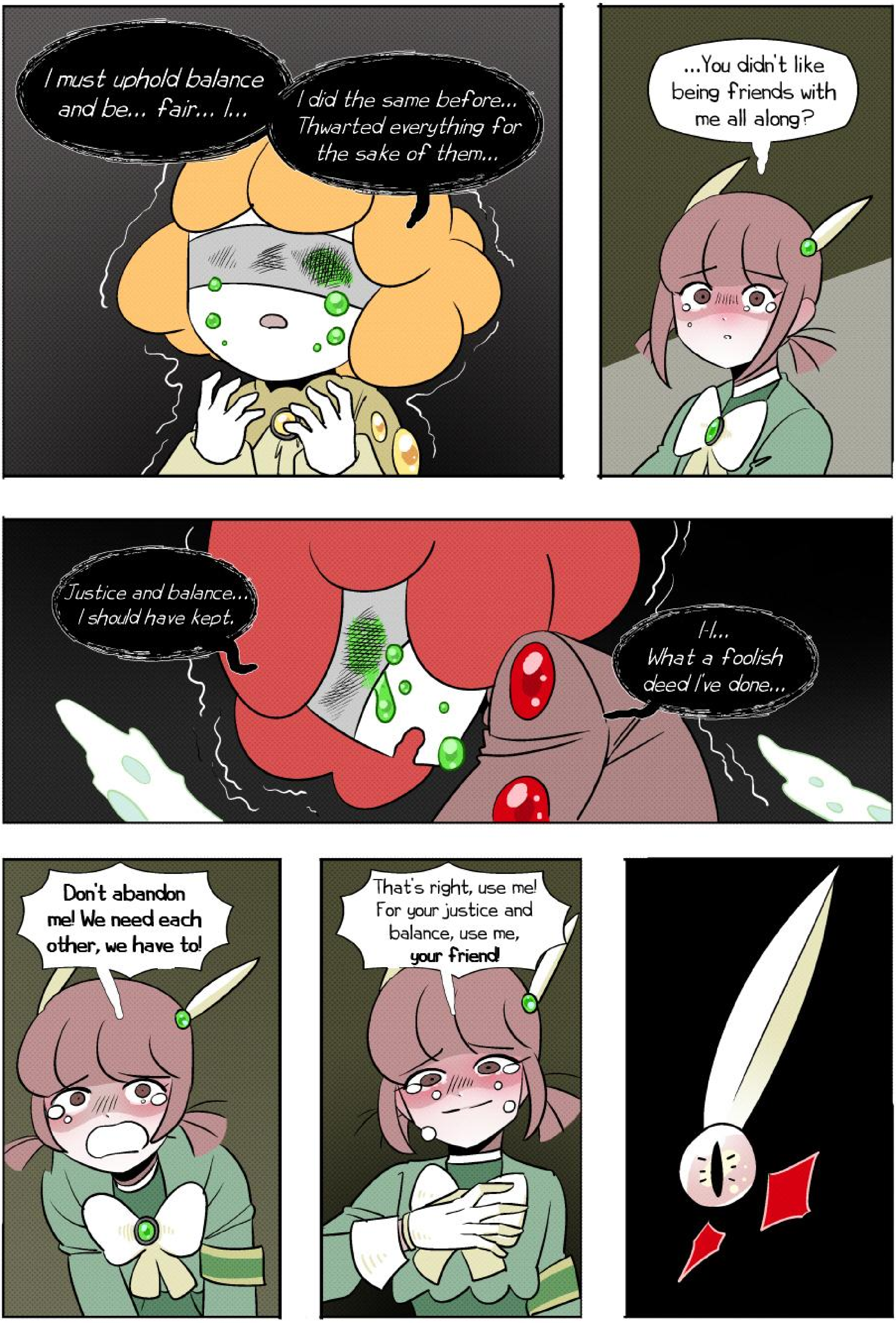
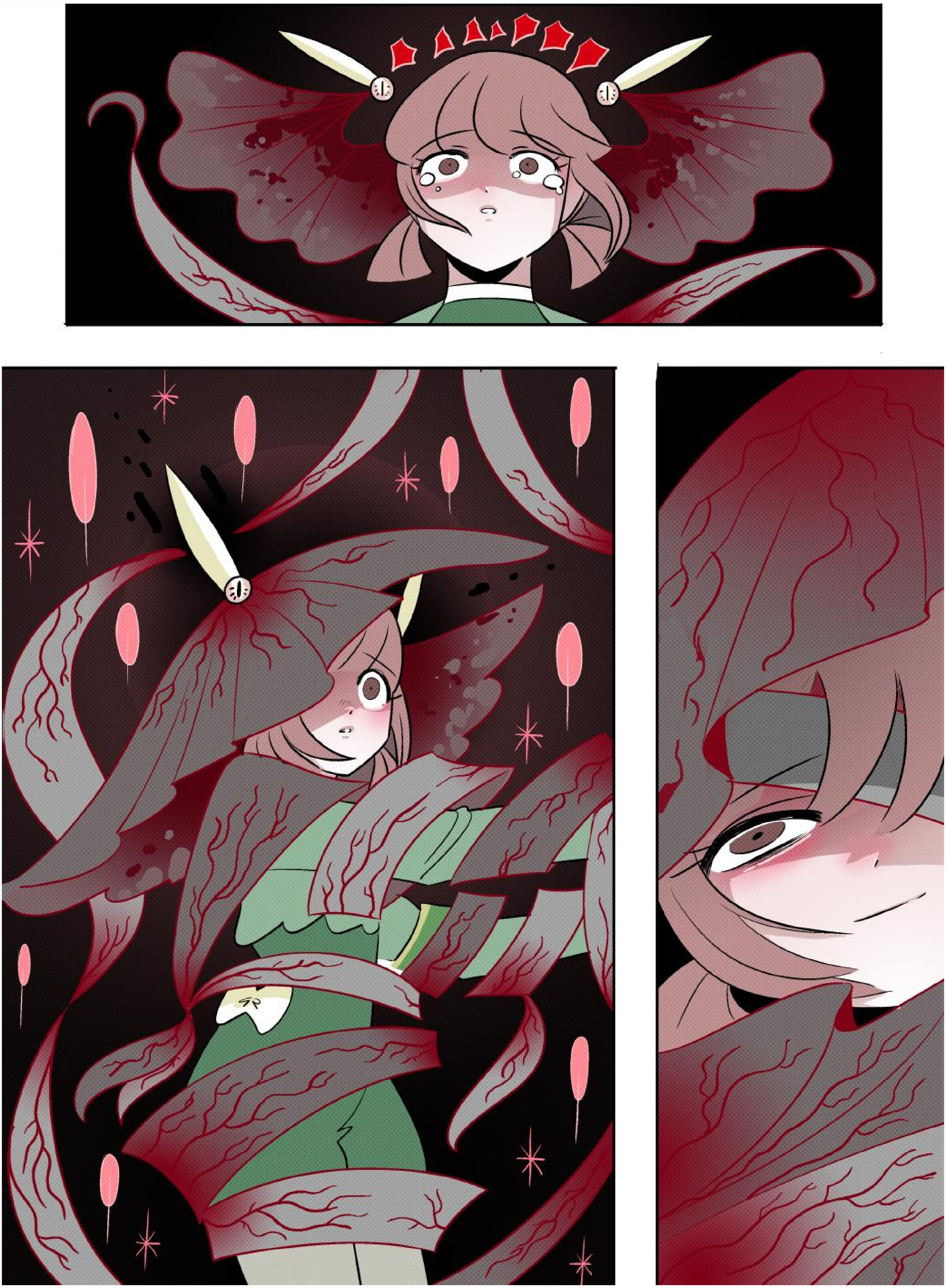
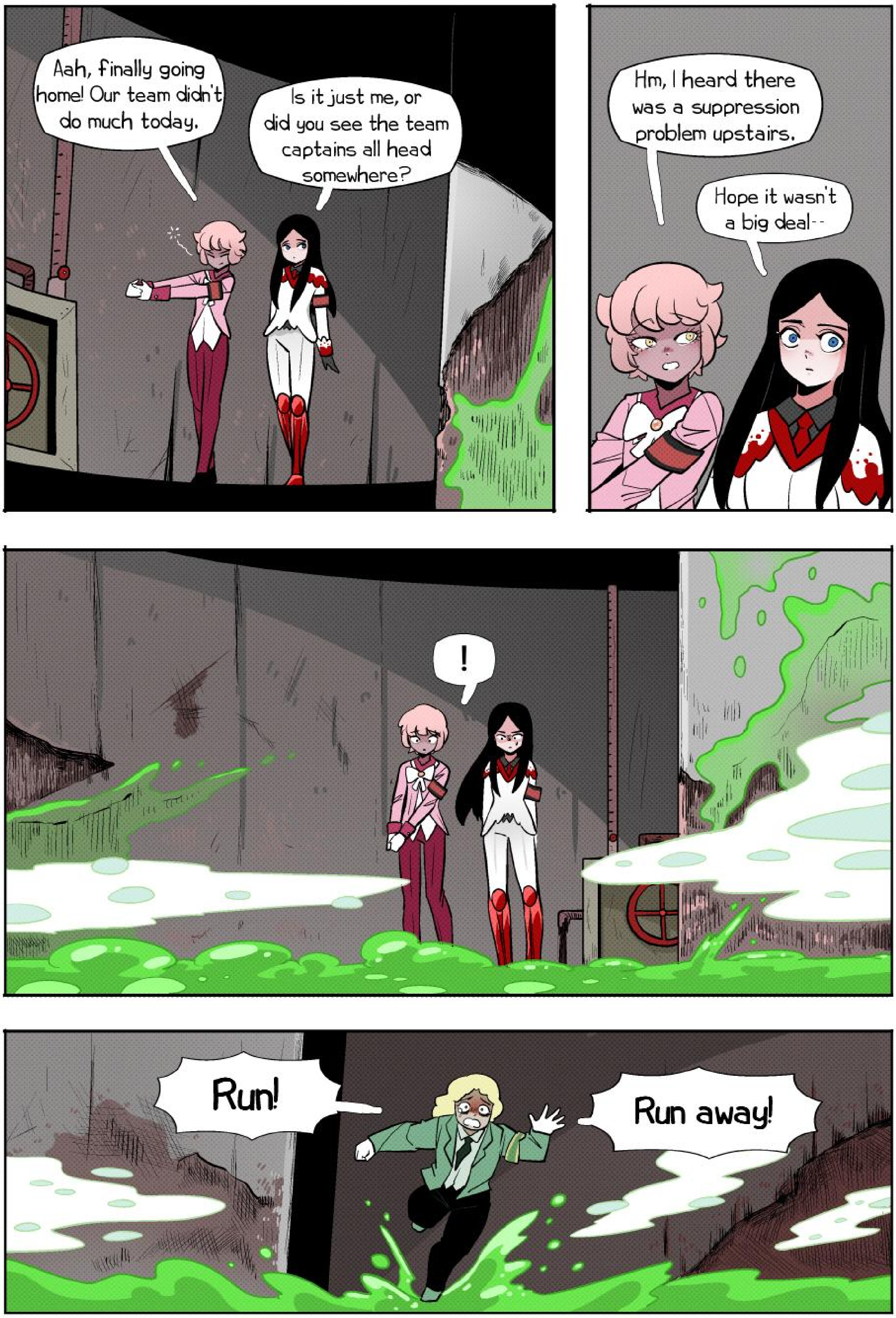

COMMENCING WORK.
COMMENCING WORK ON 'THE SERVANT OF WRATH'
Everyone... everyone treats me like garbage! They want to put me away! I was replaced with someone else!
It was just one time! We made a single mistake! Today is the worst ever! What am I gonna do!
Friend... A being more special than any other, calling and greeting each other by name... I must treat everyone equally, with balance...


I must uphold balance and be... fair... I...
I did the same before... Thwarted everything for the sake of them...
...You didn't like being friends with me all along?
Justice and balance... I should have kept.
I-I... What a foolish deed I've done...
Don't abandon me! We need each other, we have to!
That's right, use me! For your justice and balance, use me, your friend!




Aah, finally going home! Our team didn't do much today.
Is it just me, or did you see the team captains all head somewhere?
Hm, I heard there was a suppression problem upstairs.
Hope it wasn't a big deal--
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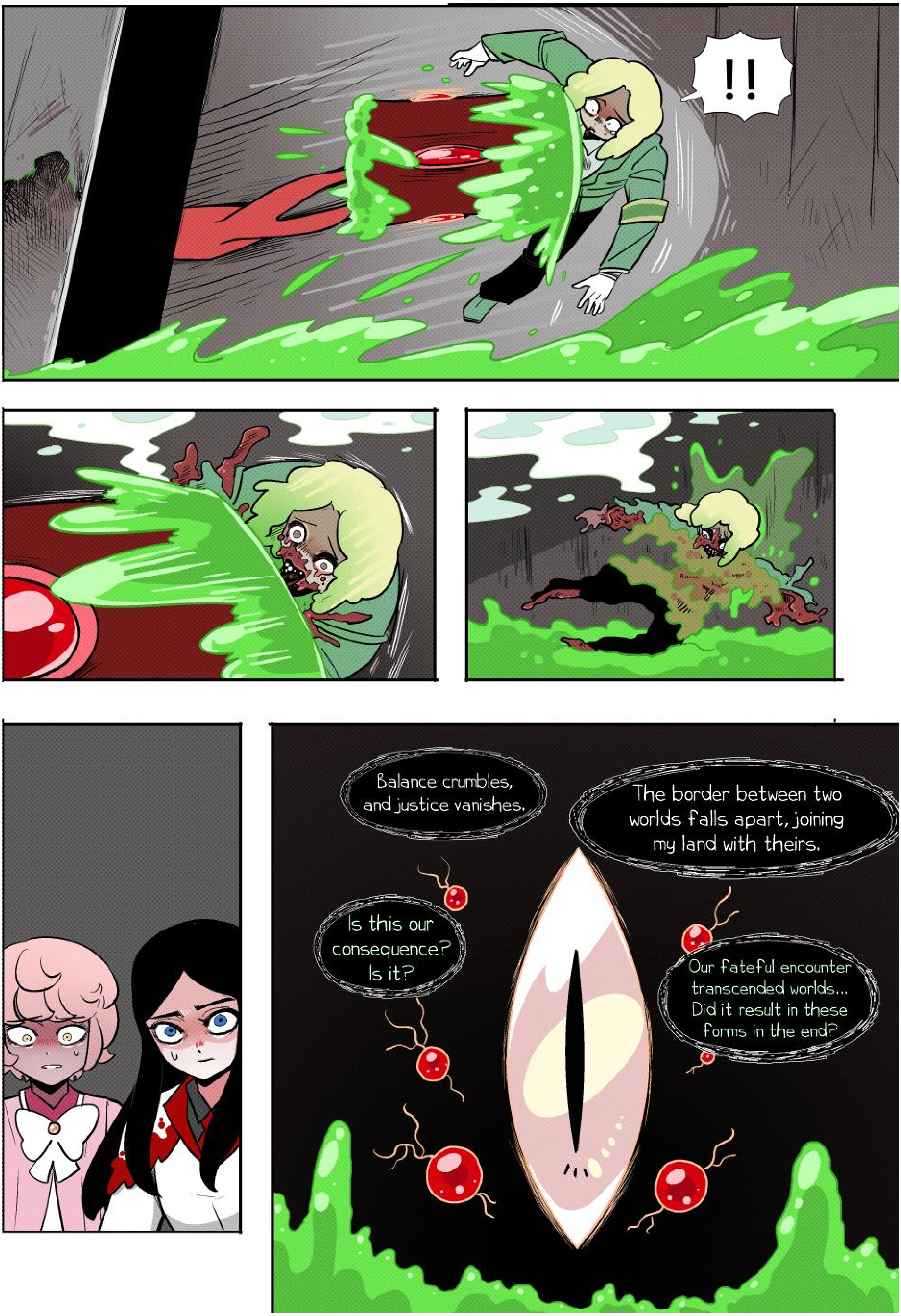
Run!
Run away!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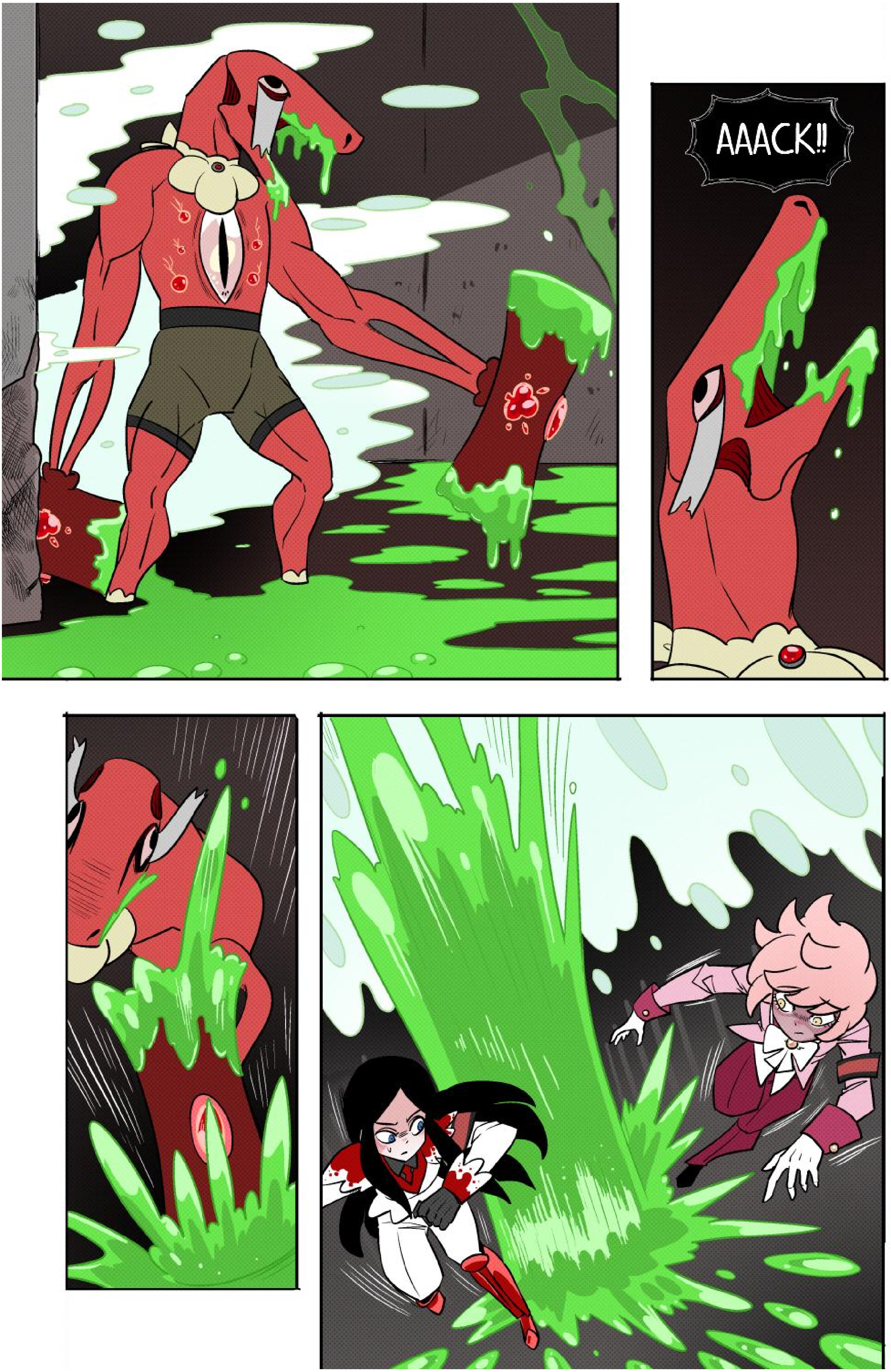
Balance crumbles, and justice vanishes.
The border between two worlds falls apart, joining my land with theirs.
Is this our consequence? Is it?
Our fateful encounter transcended worlds... Did it result in these forms in the end?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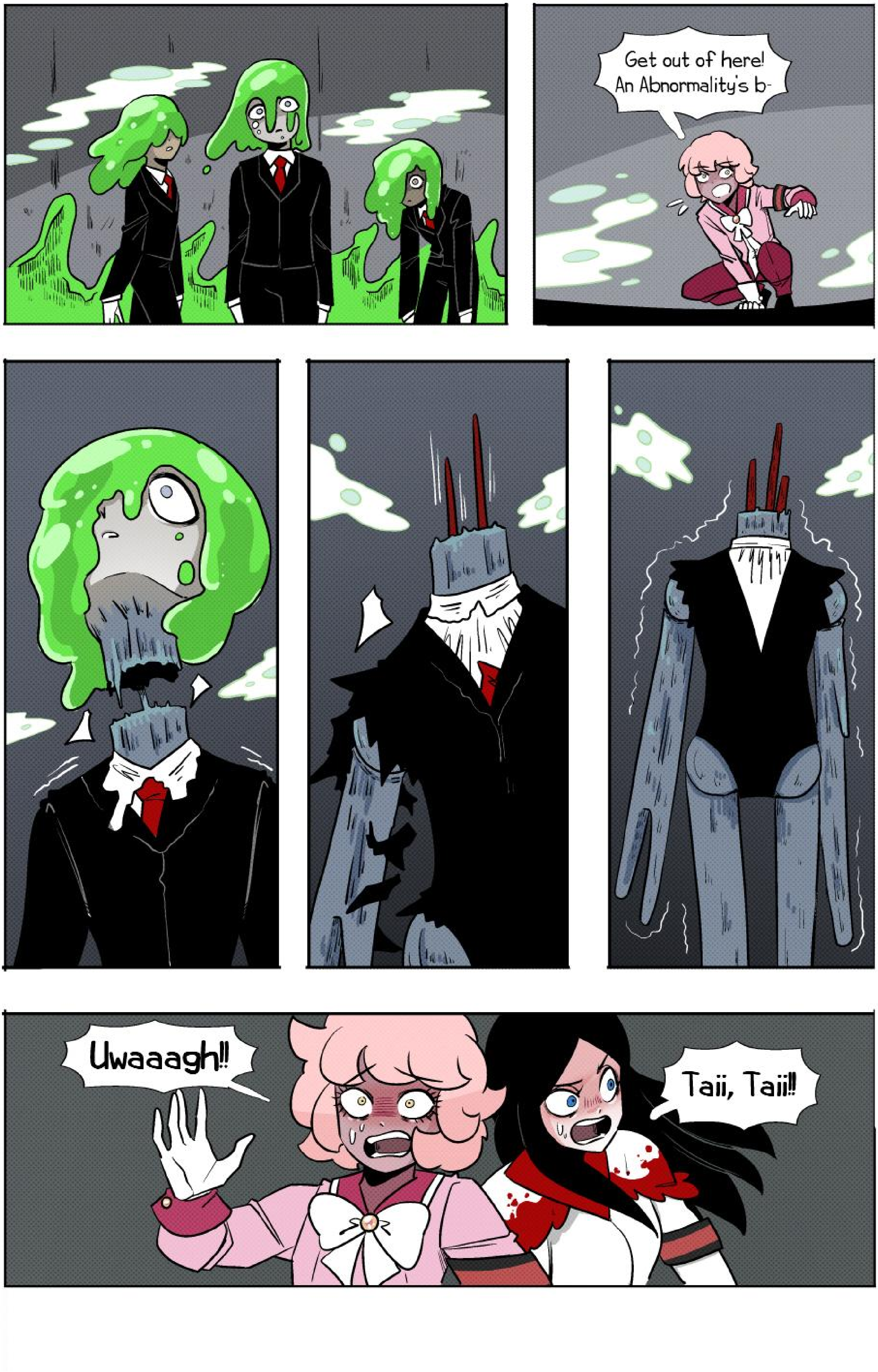
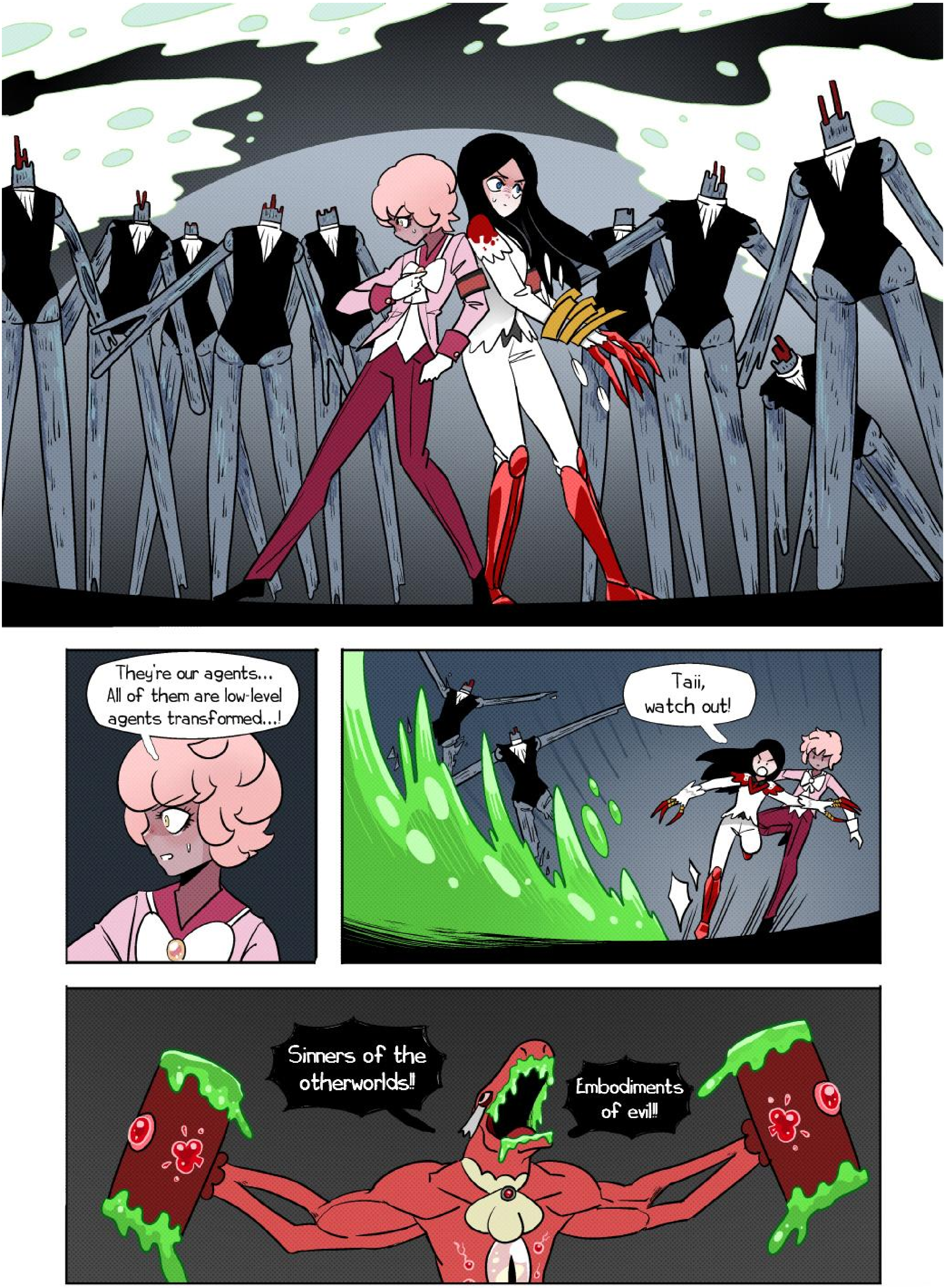
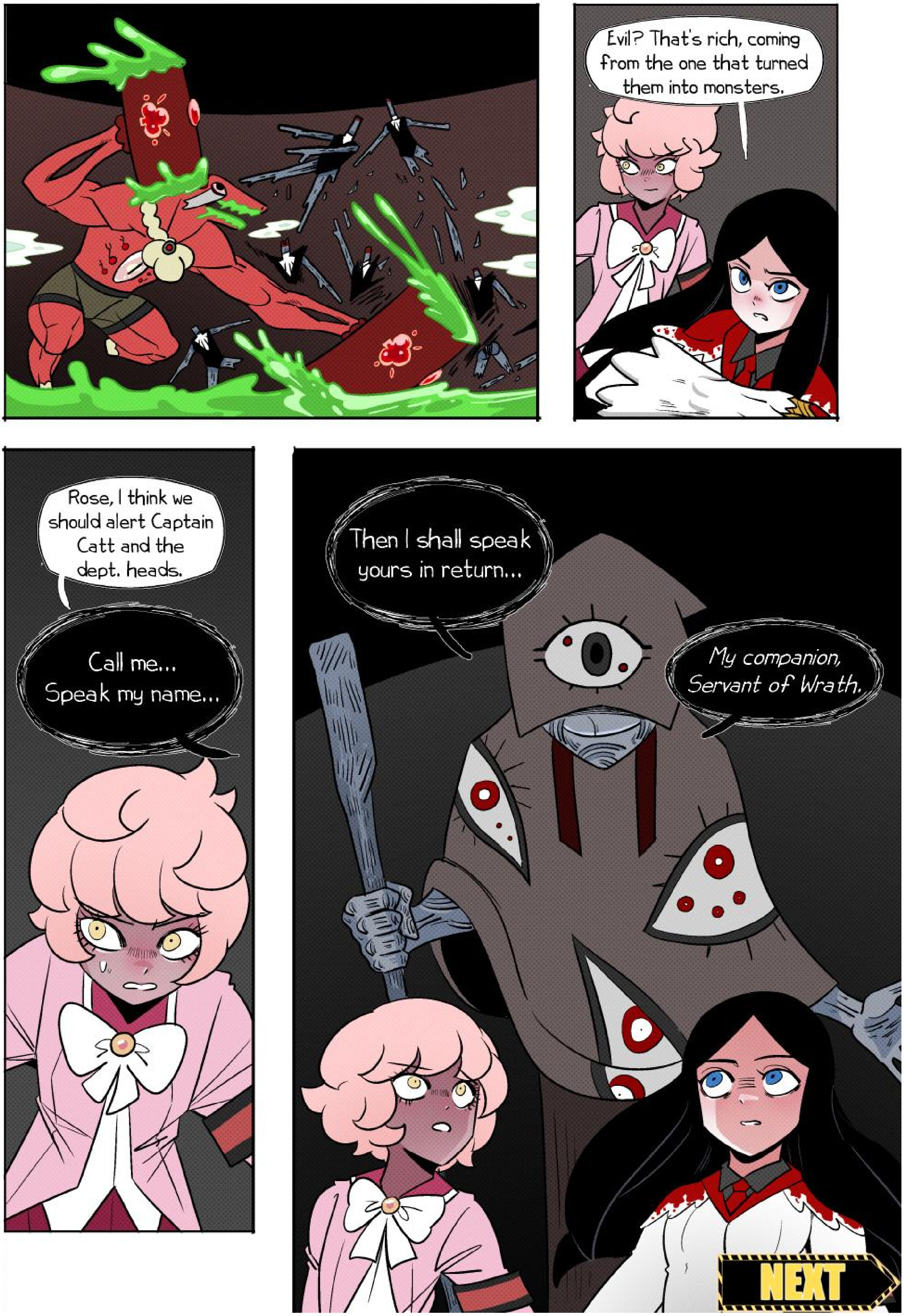

Get out of here! An Abnormality's b-
Uwaaagh!!
Taii, Taii!!


They're our agents...
All of them are low-level agents transformed...!
Taii, watch out!
Sinners of the otherworlds!!
Embodiments of evil!!


Evil? That's rich, coming from the one that turned them into monsters.
Rose, I think we should alert Captain Catt and the dept. heads.
Call me... Speak my name...
Then I shall speak yours in return...
My companion, Servant of Wrath.
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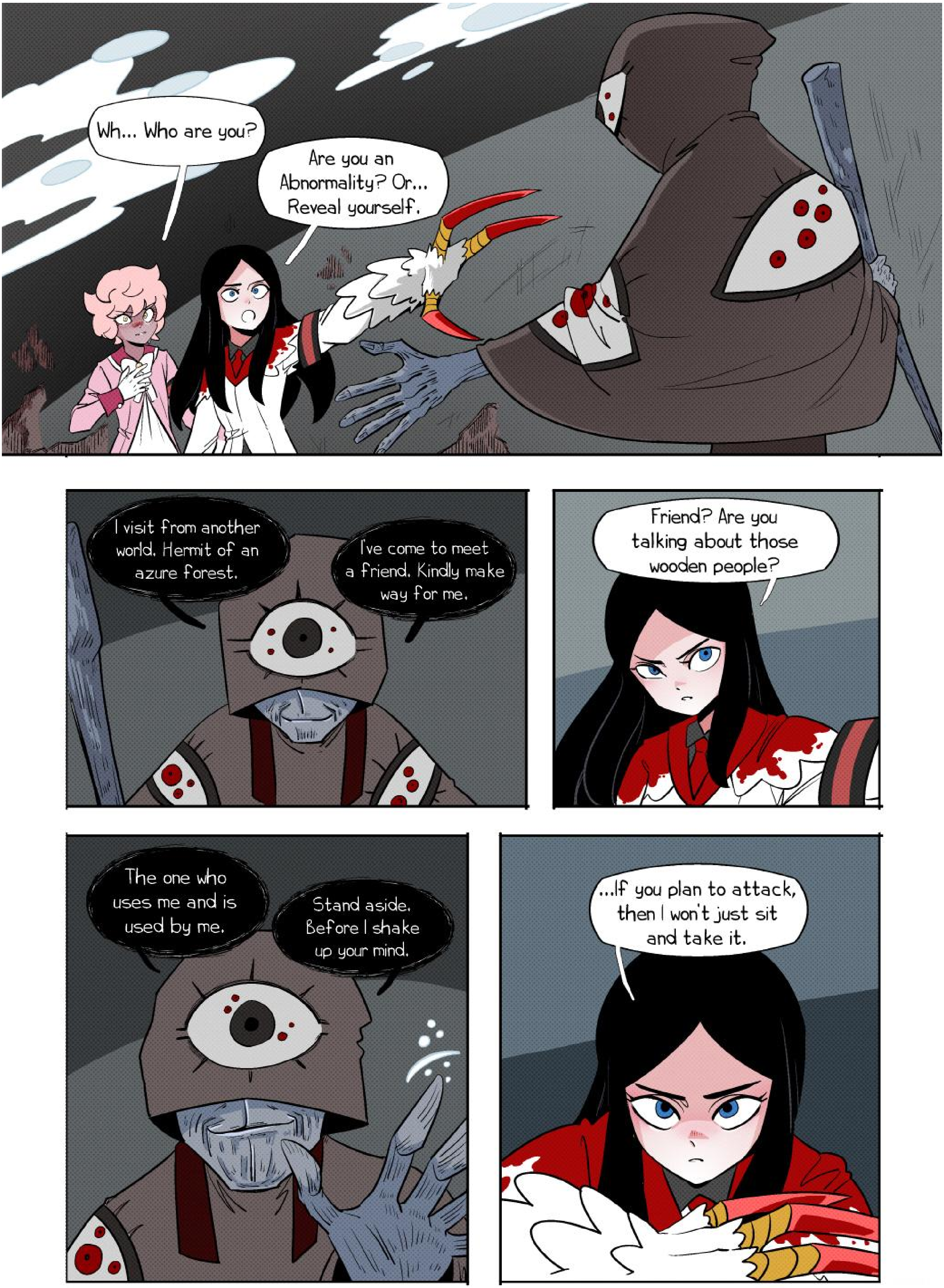
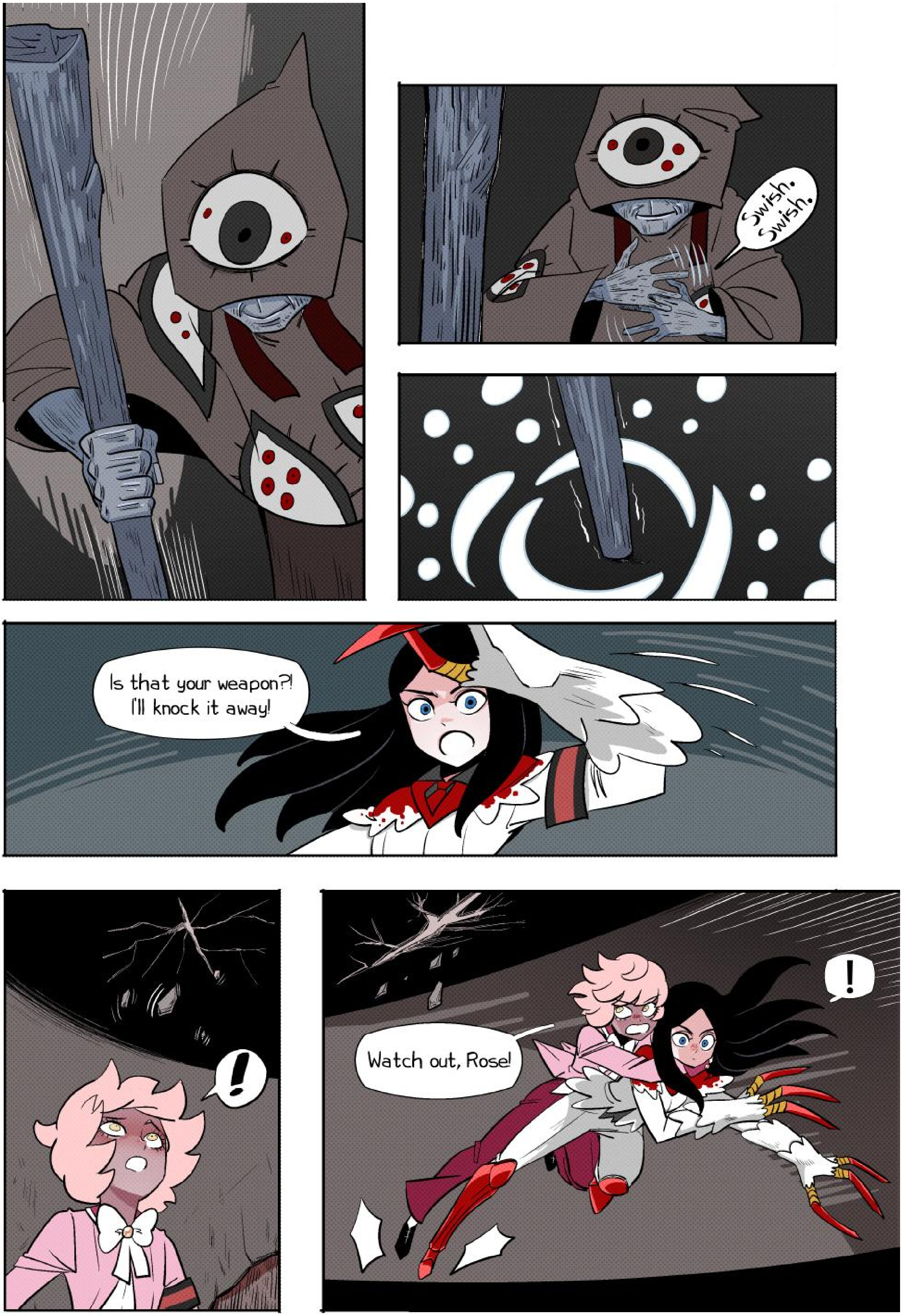

Wh... Who are you?
Are you an Abnormality? Or... Reveal yourself.
I visit from another world. Hermit of an azure forest.
I've come to meet a friend. Kindly make way for me.
Friend? Are you talking about those wooden people?
The one who uses me and is used by me.
Stand aside. Before I shake up your mind.
...If you plan to attack, then I won't just sit and take it.


Swish. Swish.
Is that your weapon?! I'll knock it away!
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Watch out, Rose!
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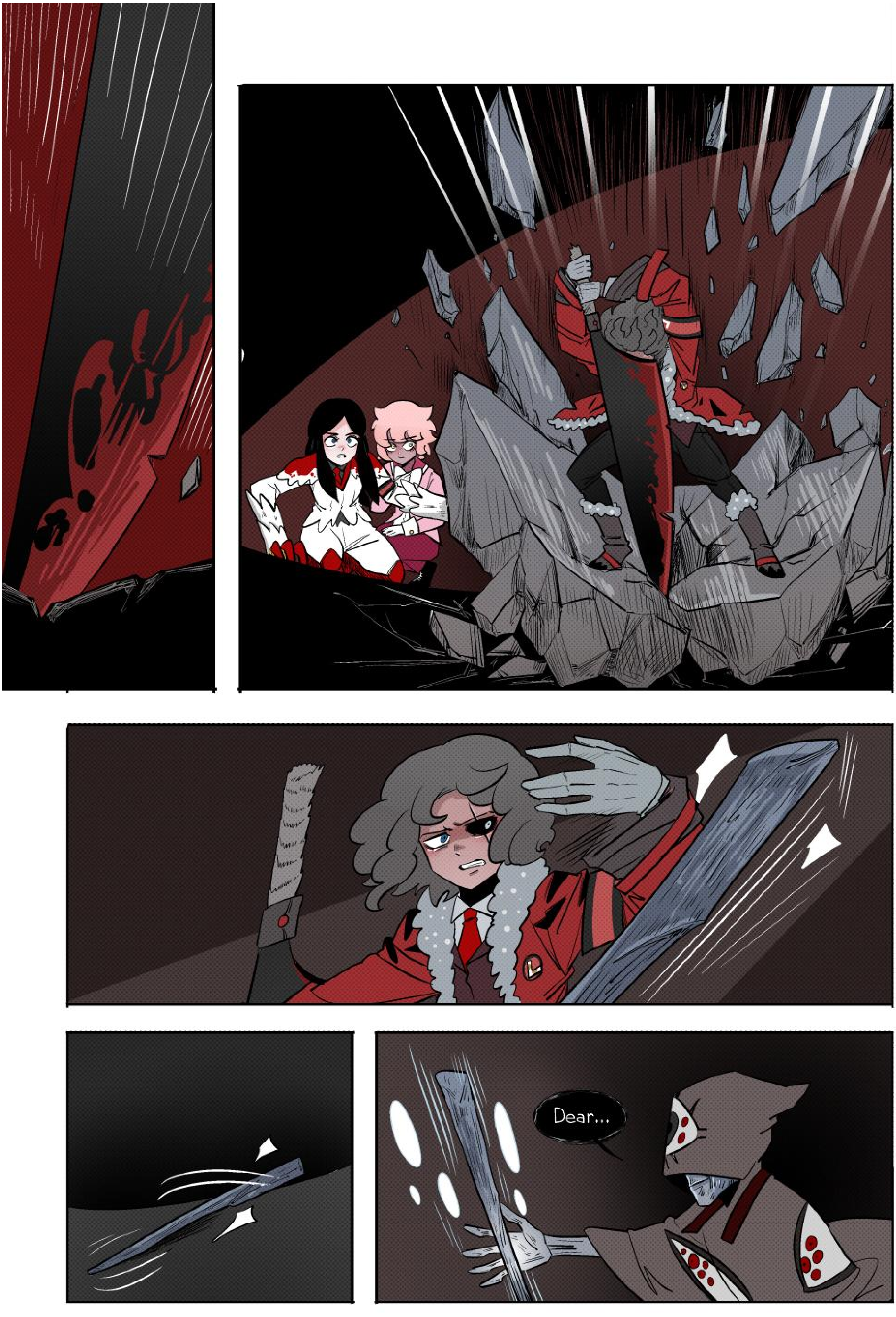
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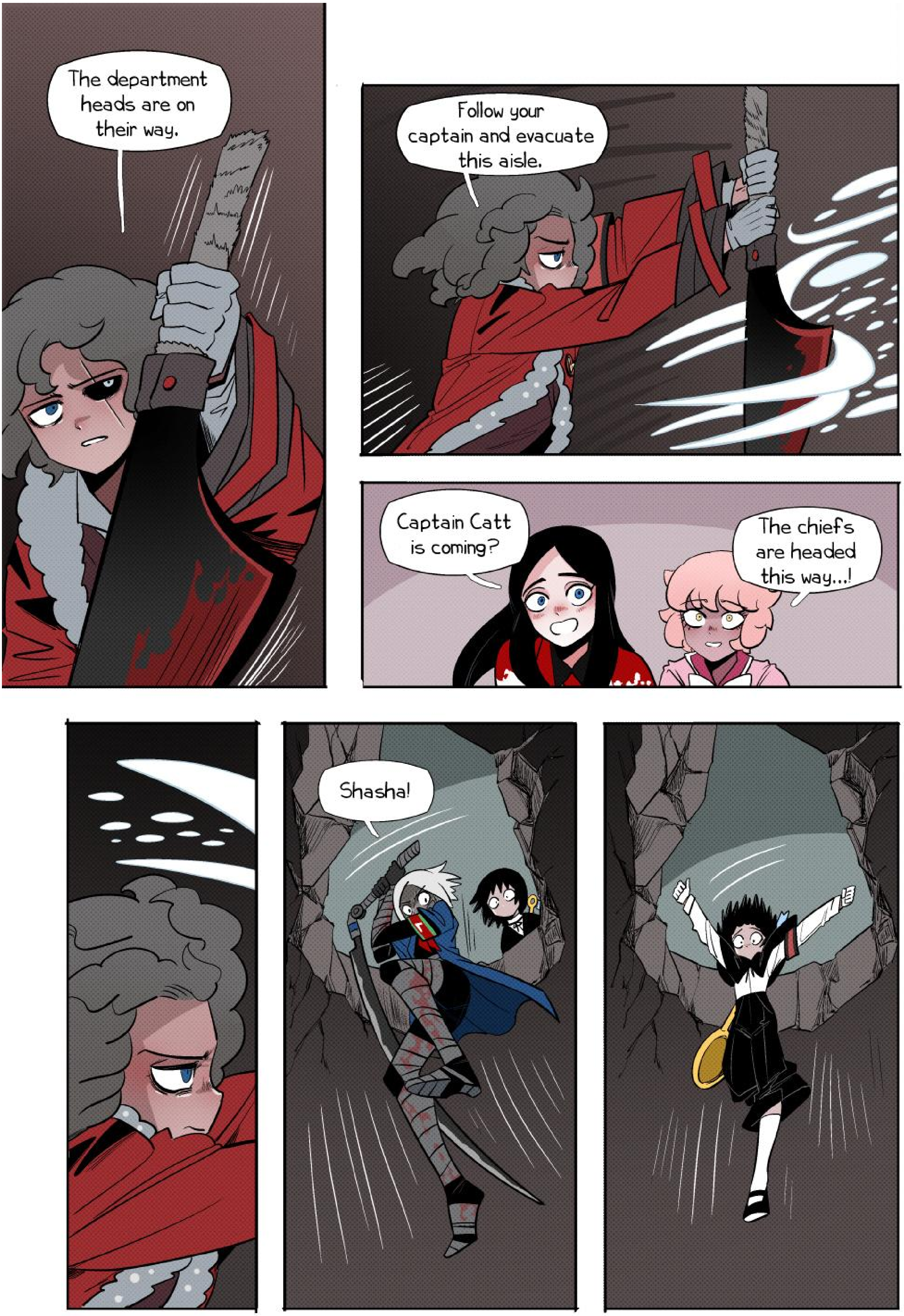
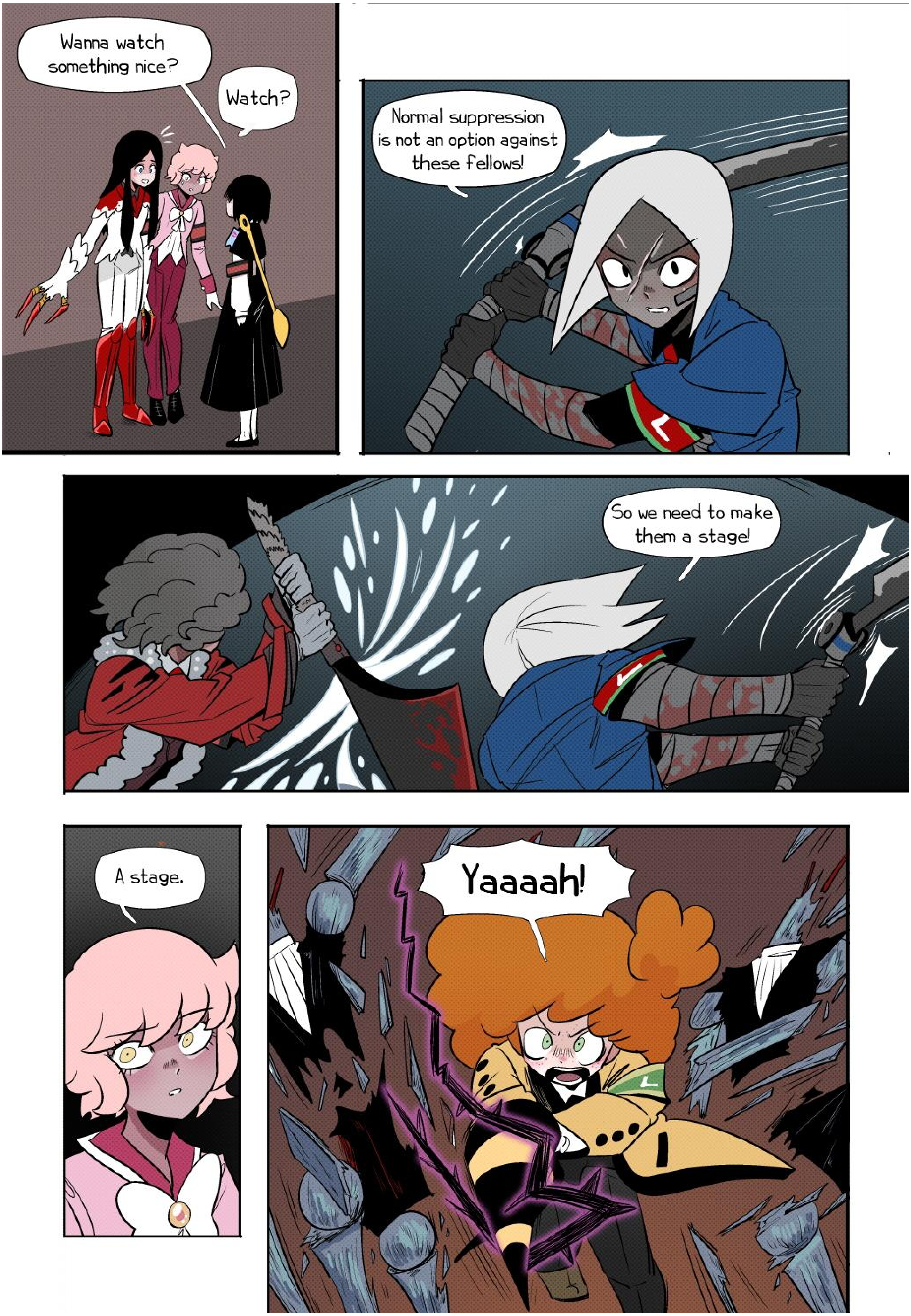
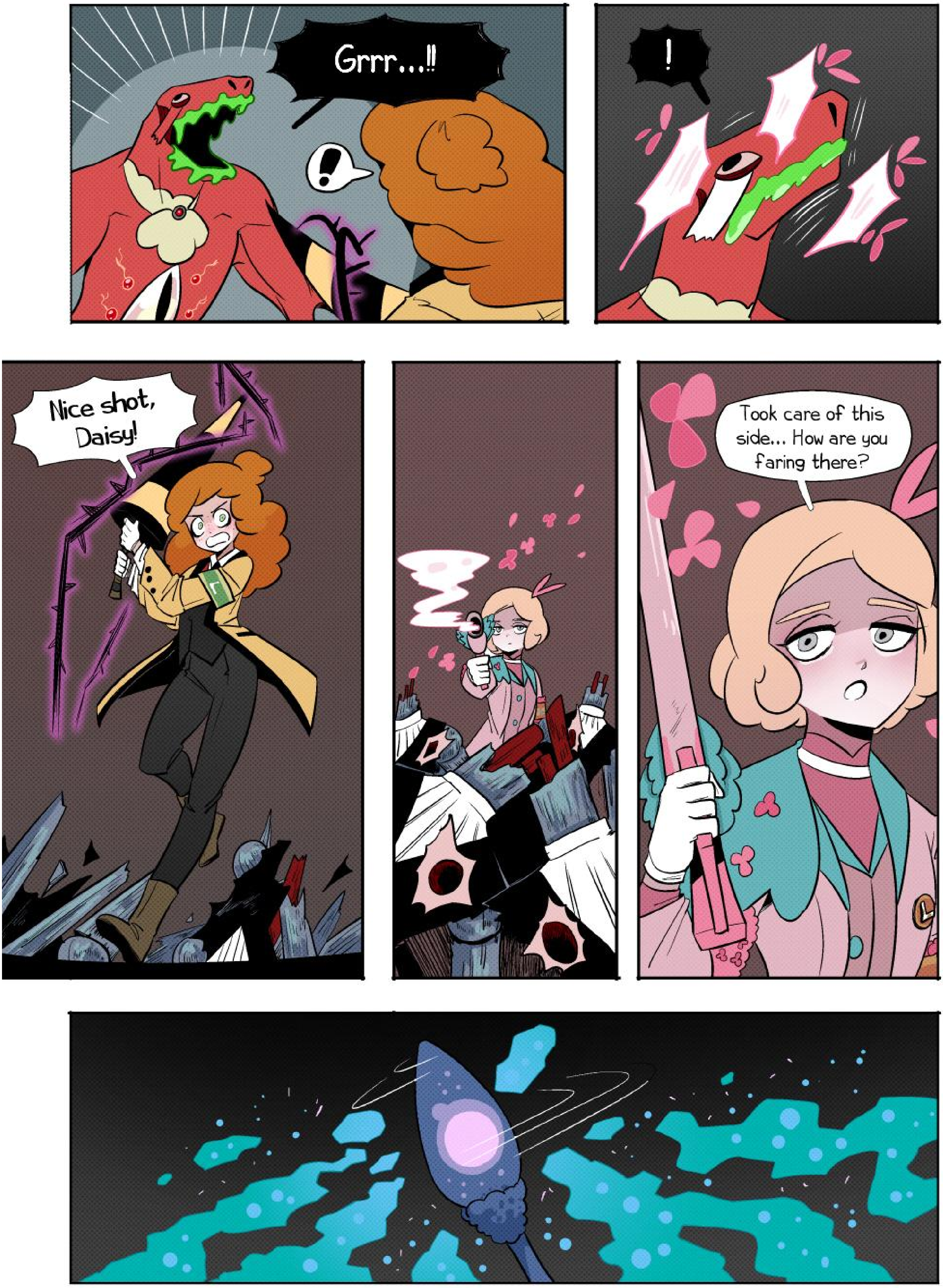

The department heads are on their way.
Follow your captain and evacuate this aisle.
Captain Catt is coming?
The chiefs are headed this way...!
Shasha!


Wanna watch something nice?
Watch?
Normal suppression is not an option against these fellows!
So we need to make them a stage!
A stage.
Yaaaah!


Grrr...!!
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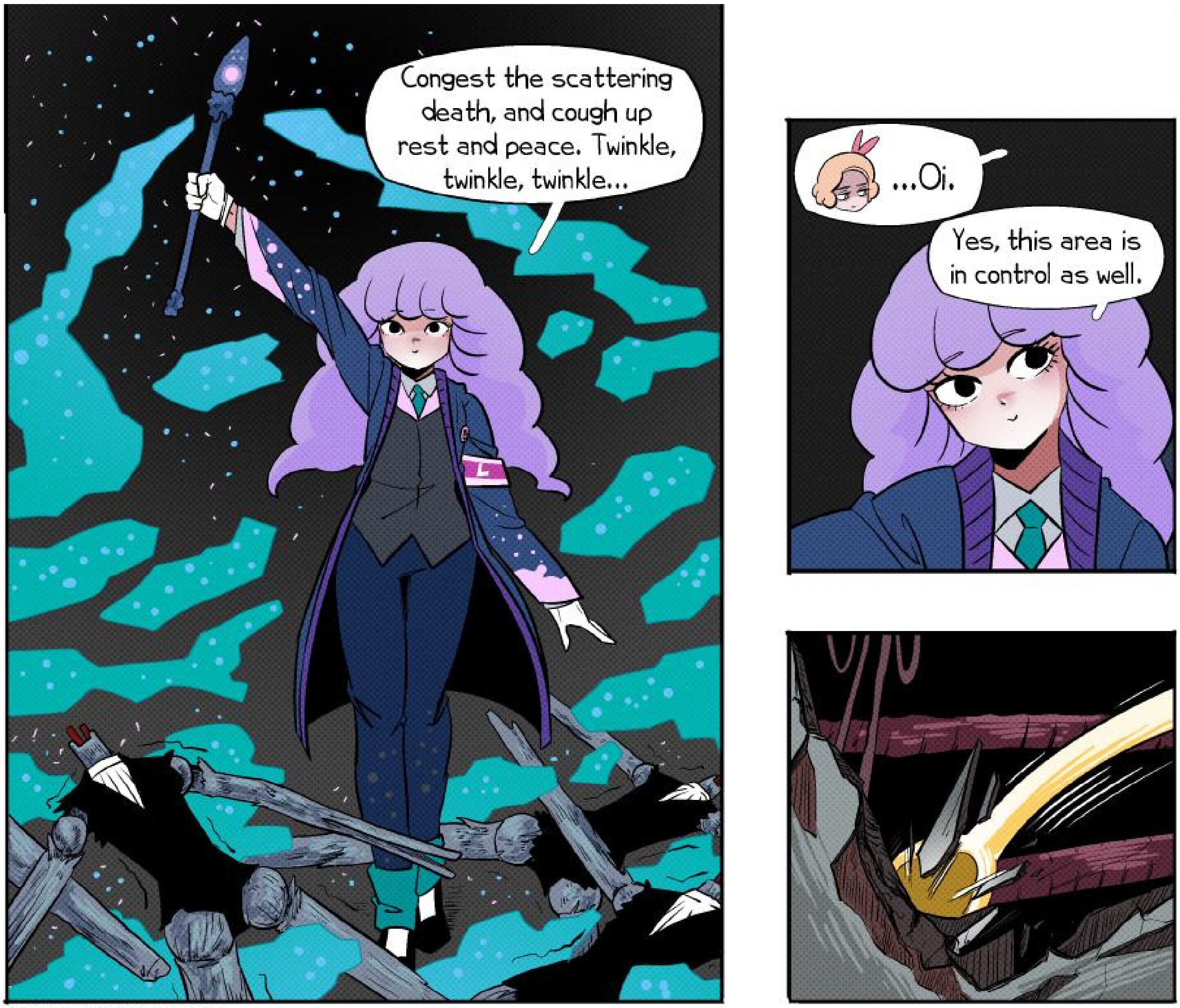
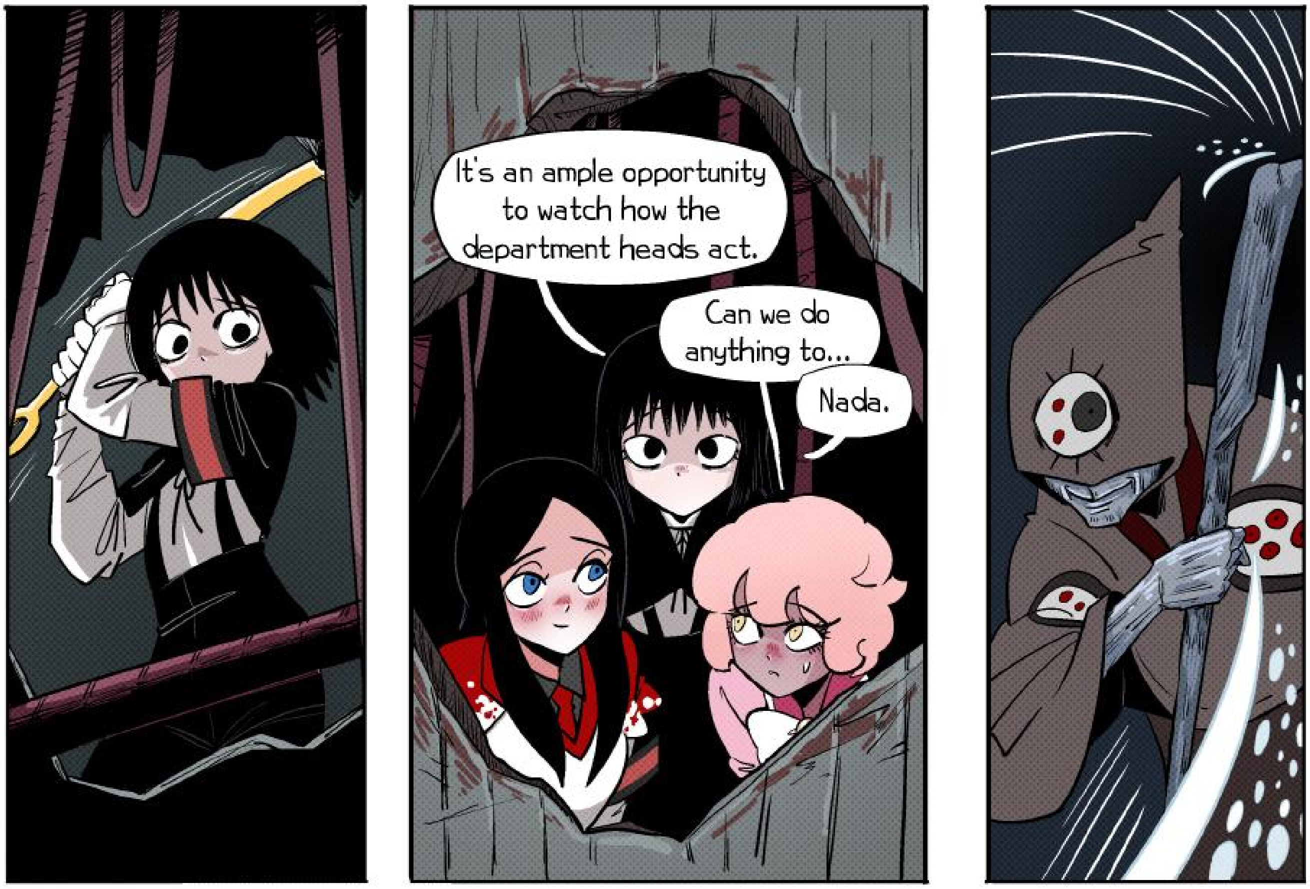
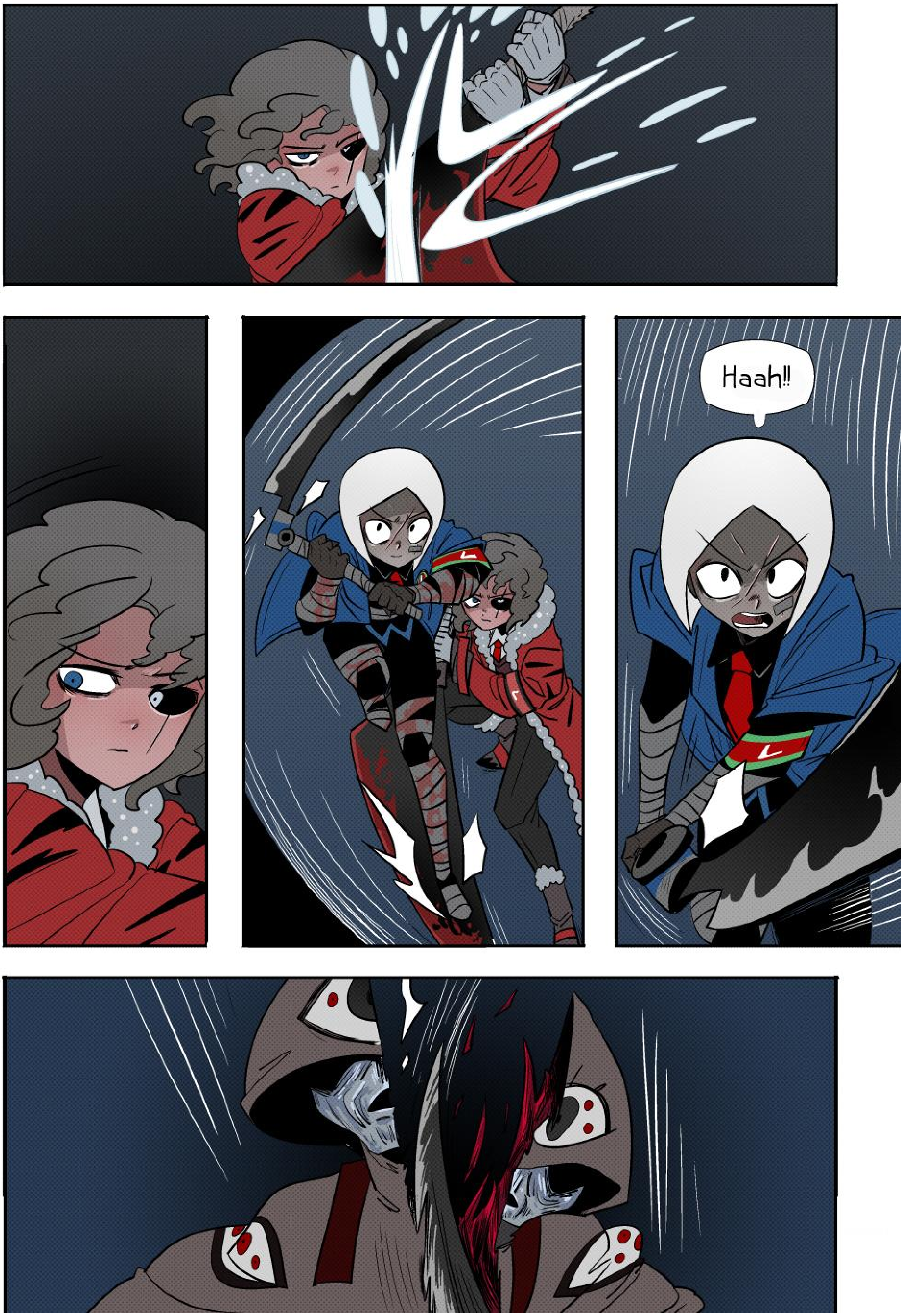
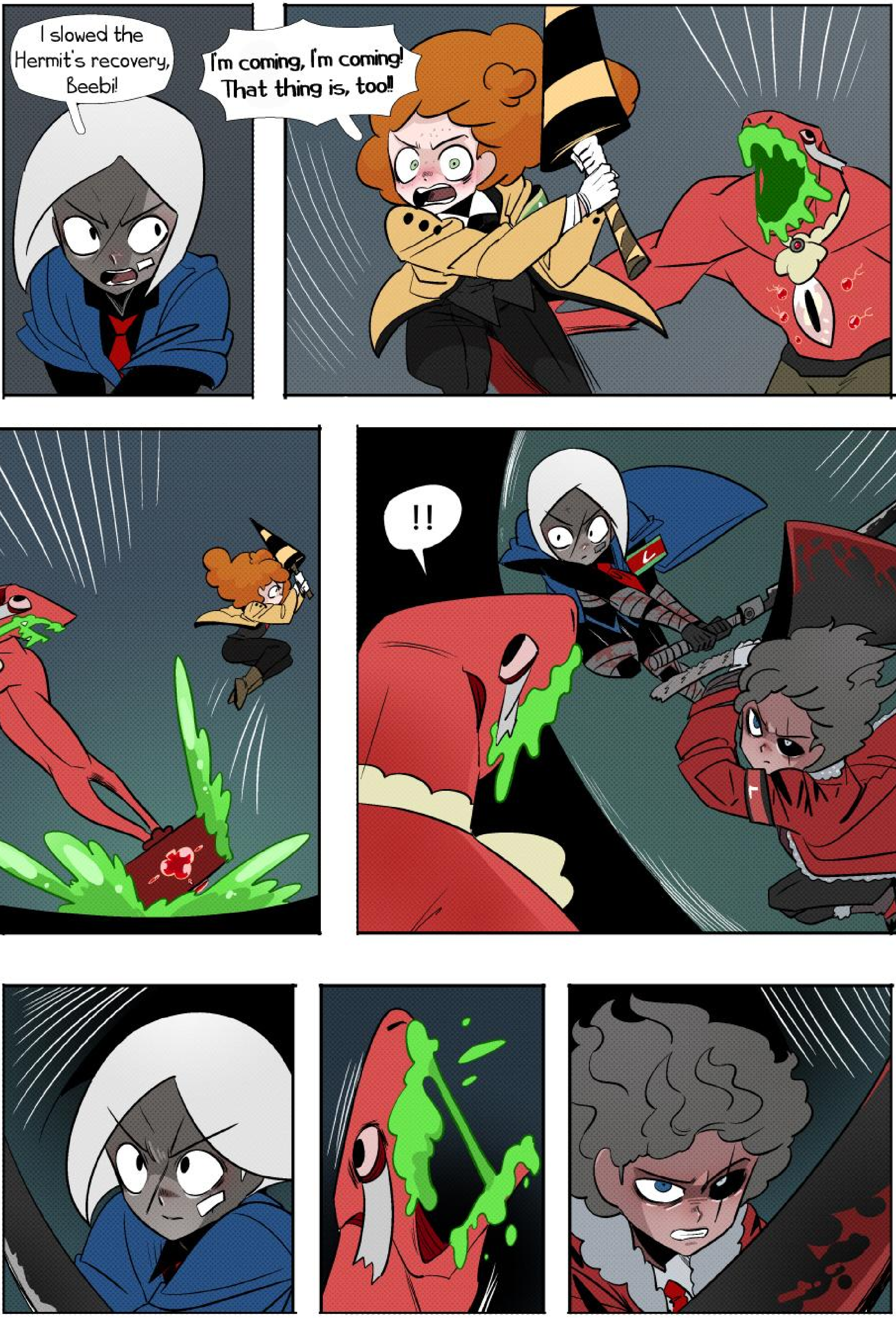
Nice shot, Daisy!
Took care of this side... How are you faring there?


Congest the scattering death, and cough up rest and peace. Twinkle, twinkle, twinkle...
...Oi.
Yes, this area is in control as well.

This is not an intentional pun.


It's an ample opportunity to watch how the department heads act.
Can we do anything to...
Nada.


Haah!!


I slowed the Hermit's recovery, Beebi!
I'm coming, I'm coming! That thing is, too!!
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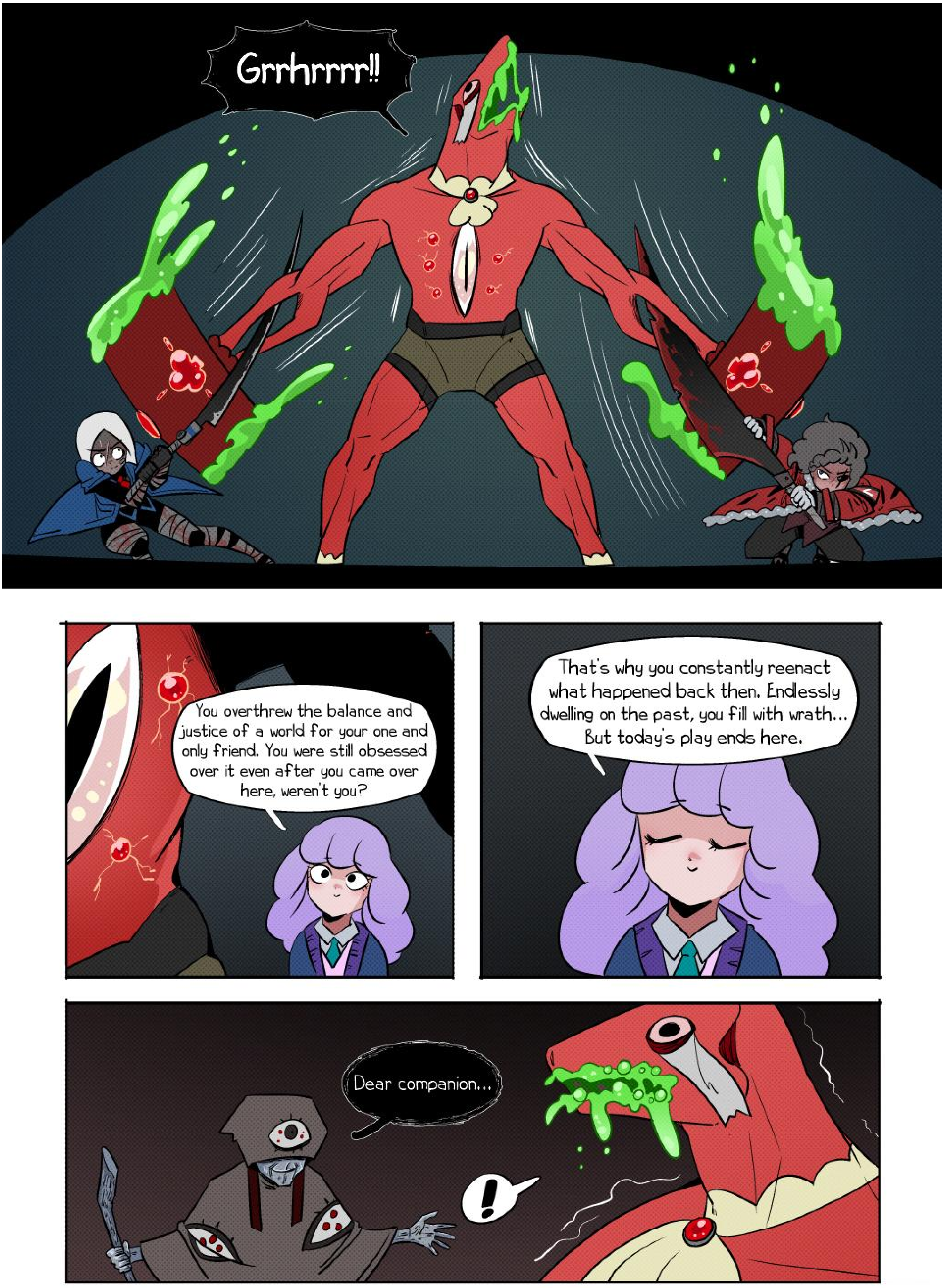
Grrhrrrr!!
You overthrew the balance and justice of a world for your one and only friend. You were still obsessed over it even after you came over here, weren't you?
That's why you constantly reenact what happened back then. Endlessly dwelling on the past, you fill with wrath... But today's play ends here.
Dear companion...
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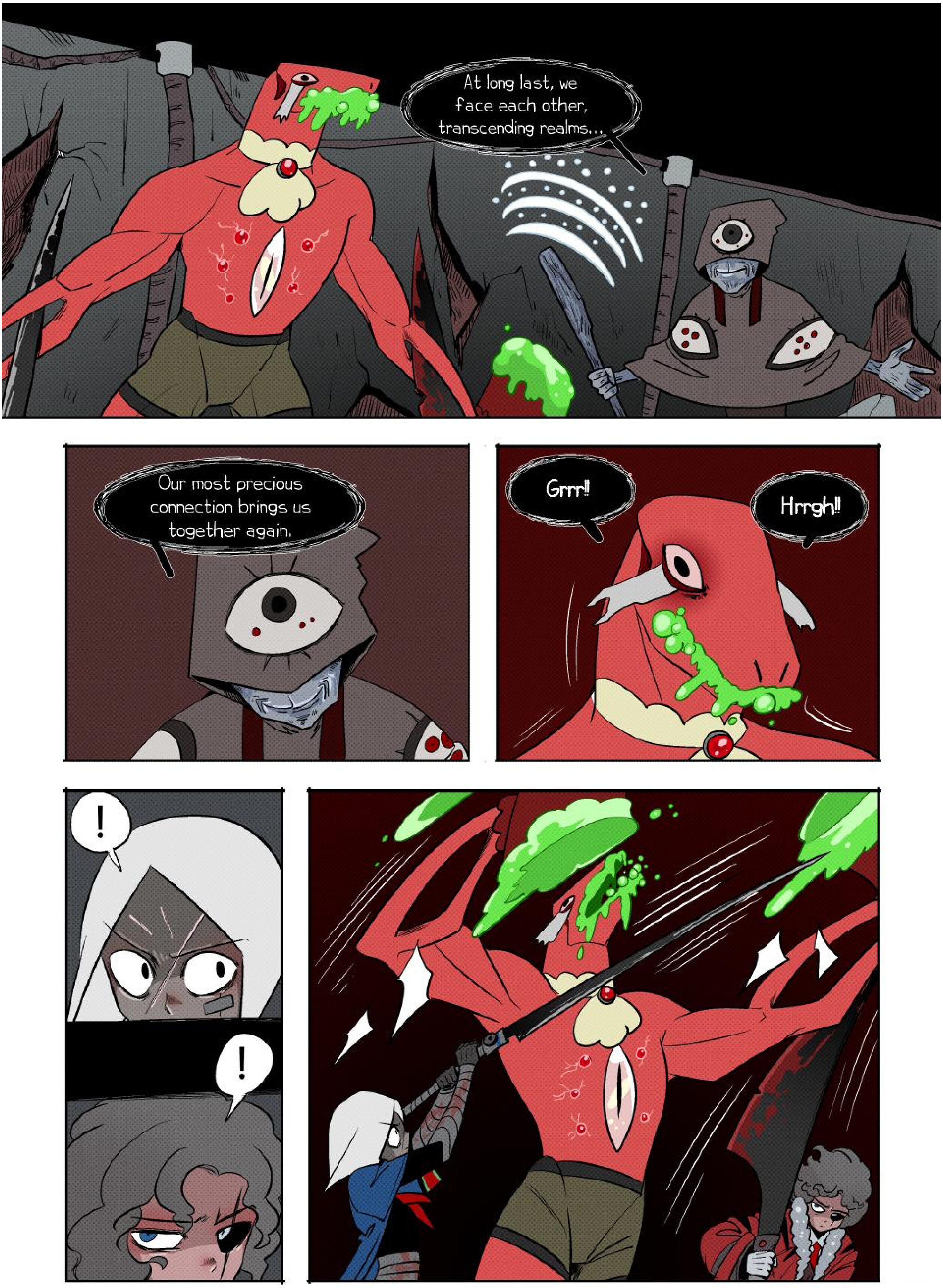
At long last, we face each other, transcending realms...
Our most precious connection brings us together again.
Grrr!!
Hrrgh!!
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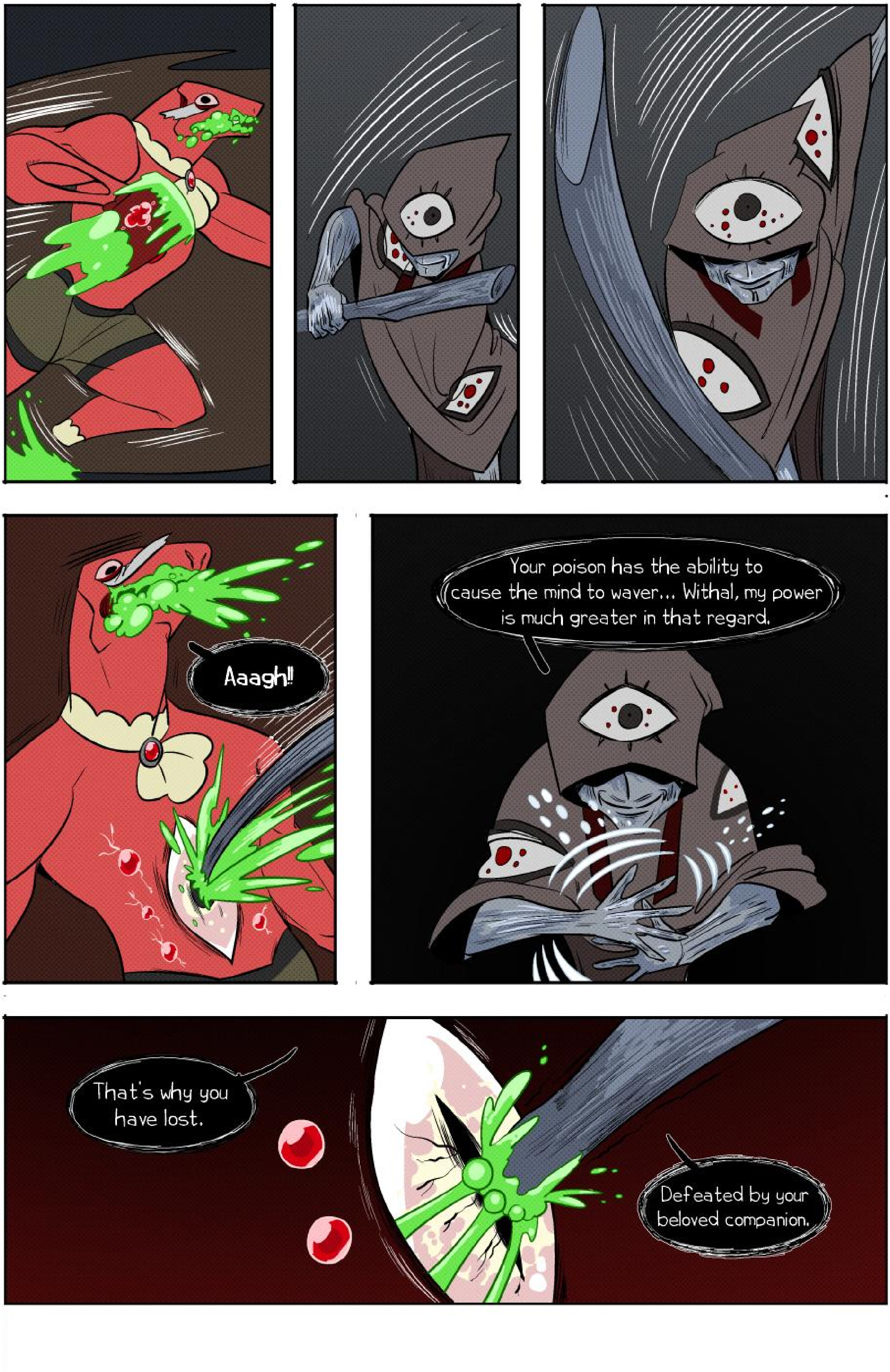
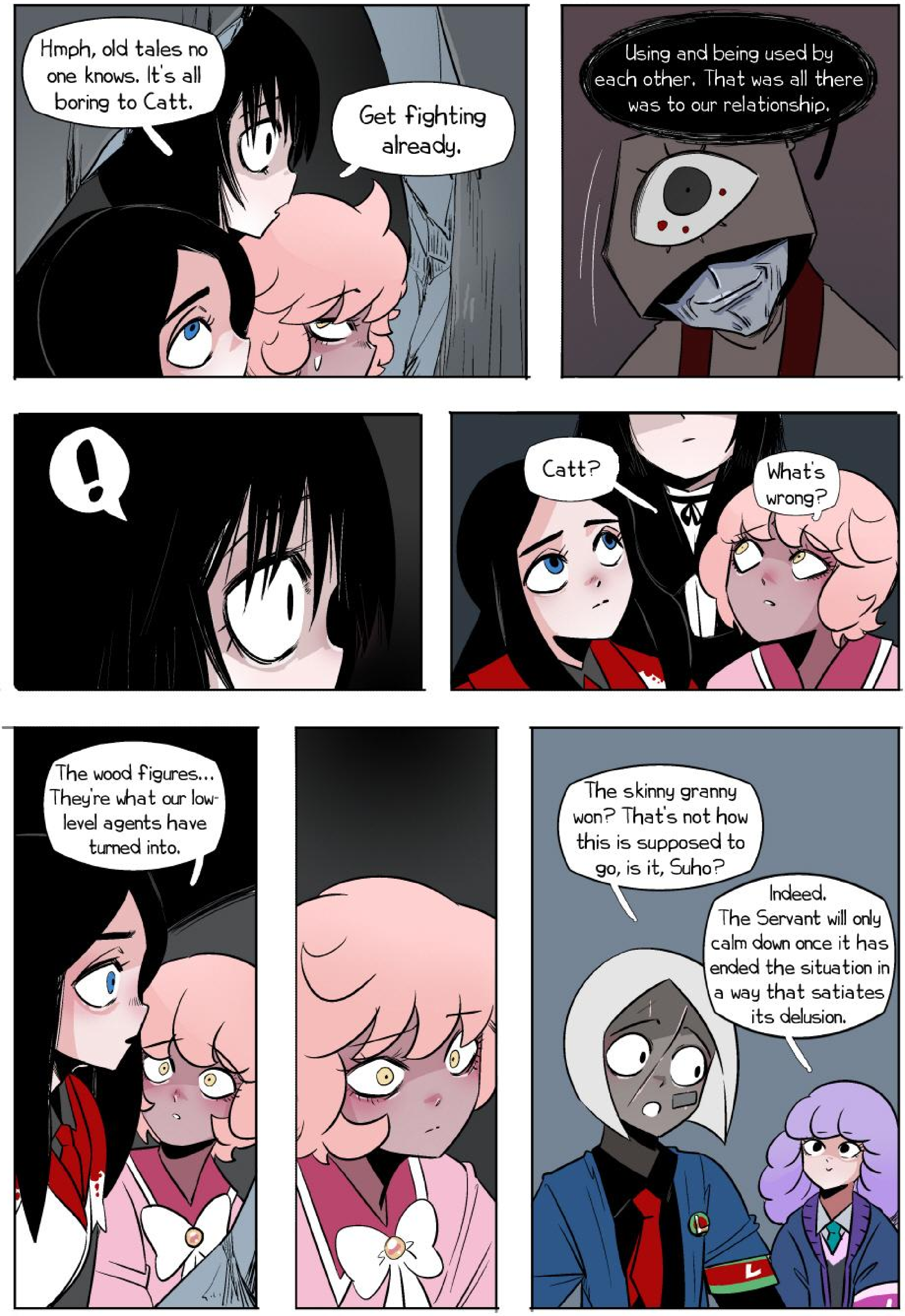

Aaagh!!
Your poison has the ability to cause the mind to waver... Withal, my power is much greater in that regard.
That's why you have lost.
Defeated by your beloved companion.


Hmph, old tales no one knows. It's all boring to Catt.
Get fighting already.
Using and being used by each other. That was all there was to our relationship.
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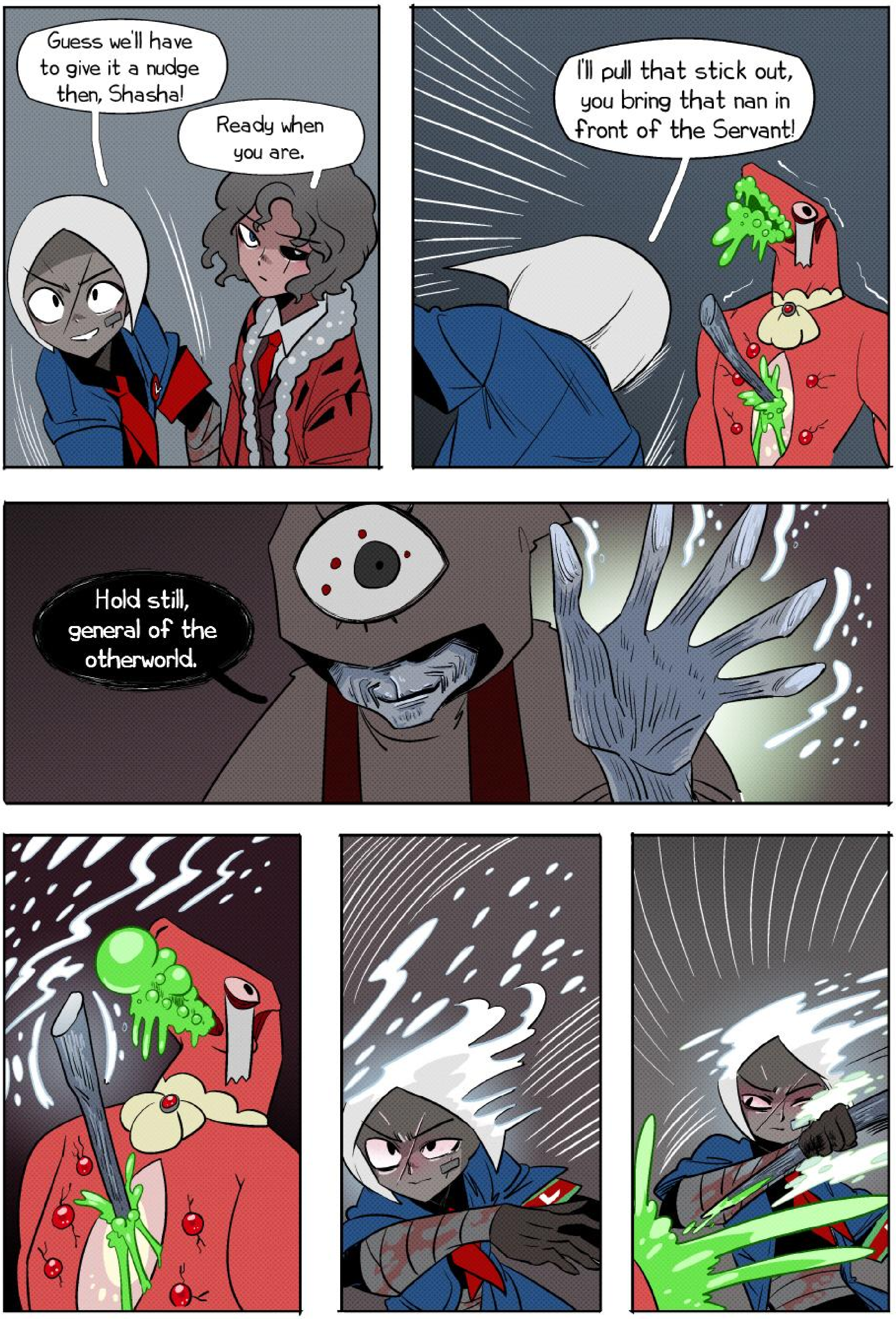
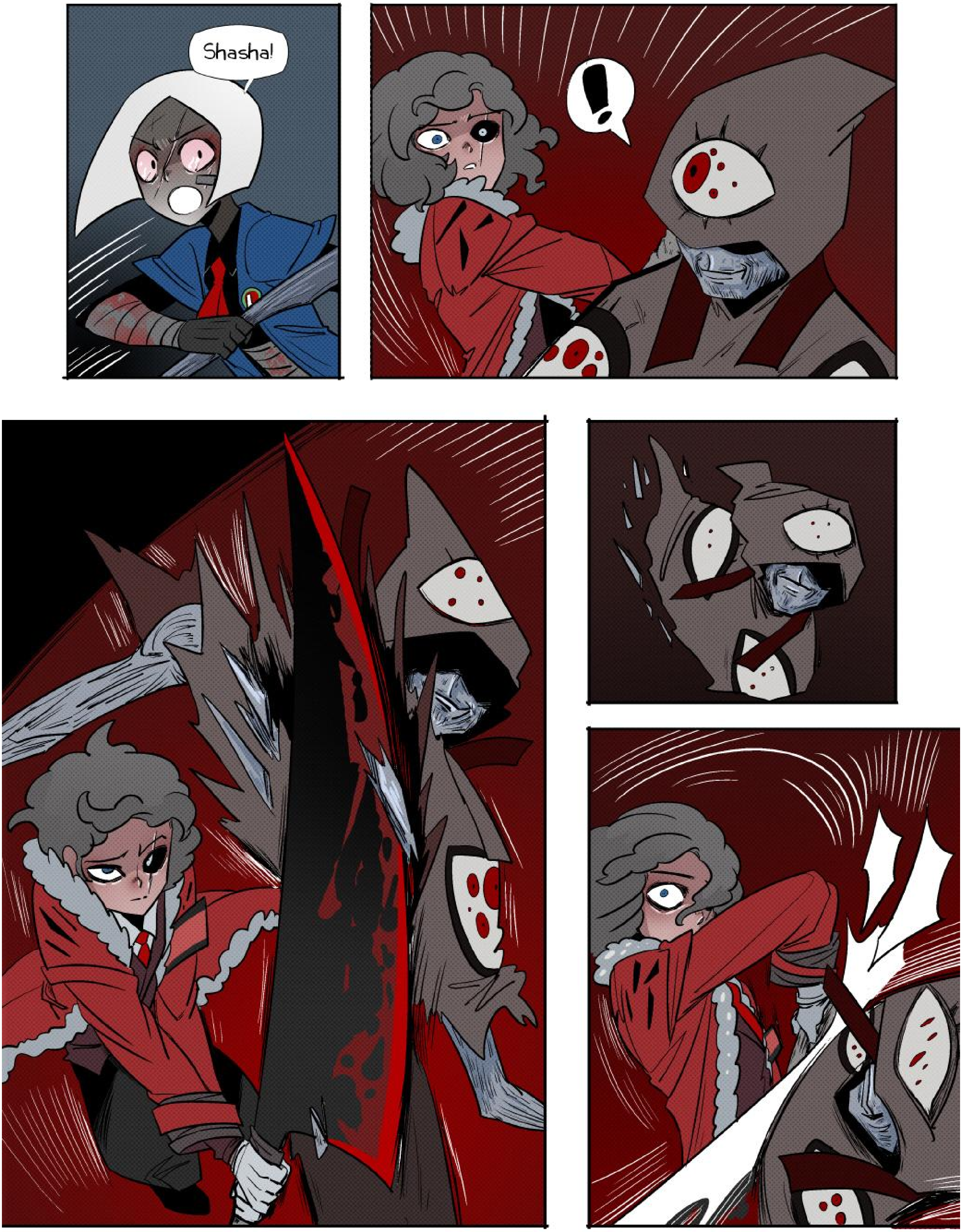
Catt?
What's wrong?
The wood figures... They're what our low-level agents have turned into.
The skinny granny won? That's not how this is supposed to go, is it, Suho?
Indeed. The Servant will only calm down once it has ended the situation in a way that satiates its delusion.


Guess we'll have to give it a nudge then, Shasha!
Ready when you are.
I'll pull that stick out, you bring that nan in front of the Servant!
Hold still, general of the otherworld.


Shasha!
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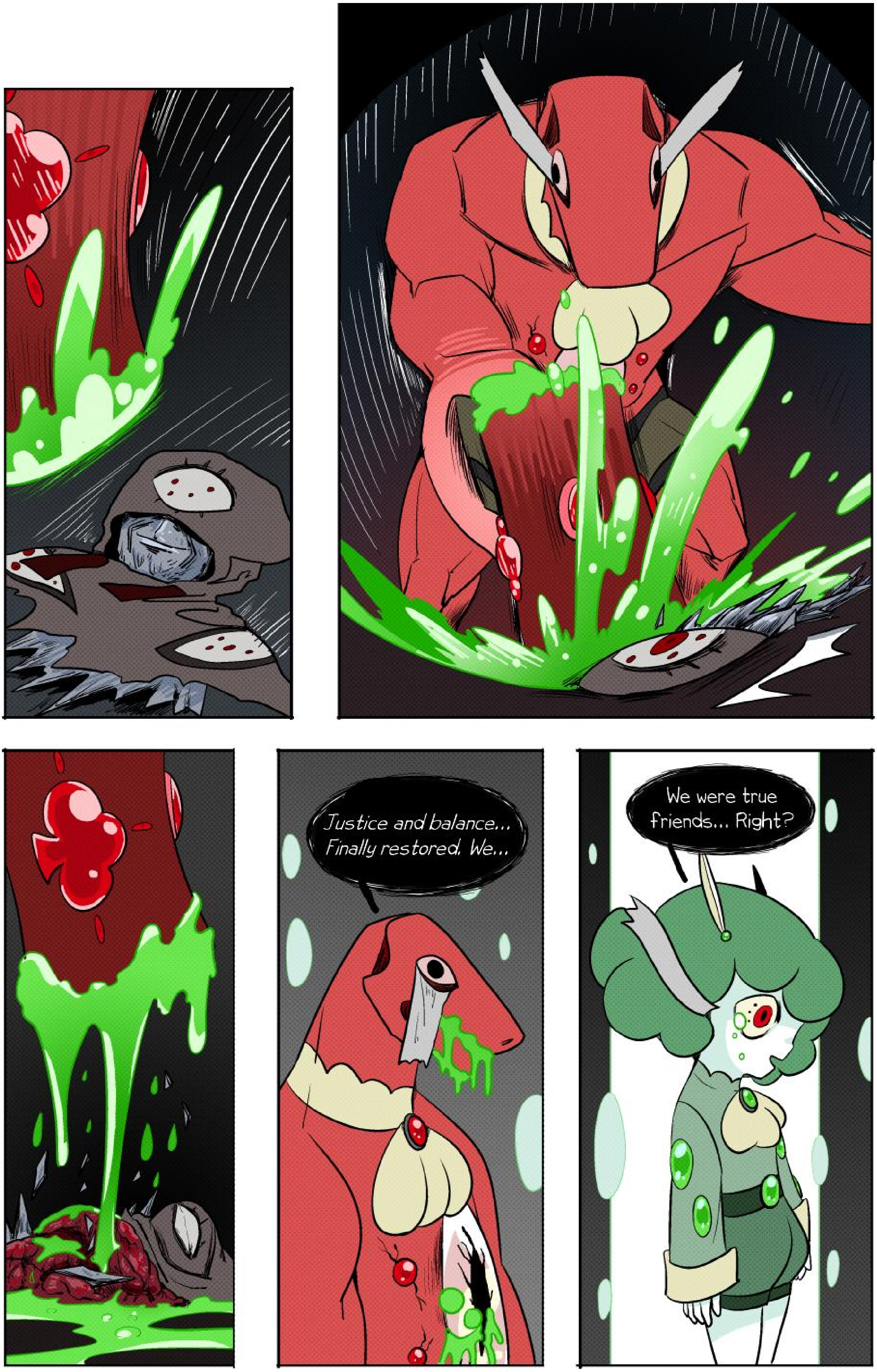
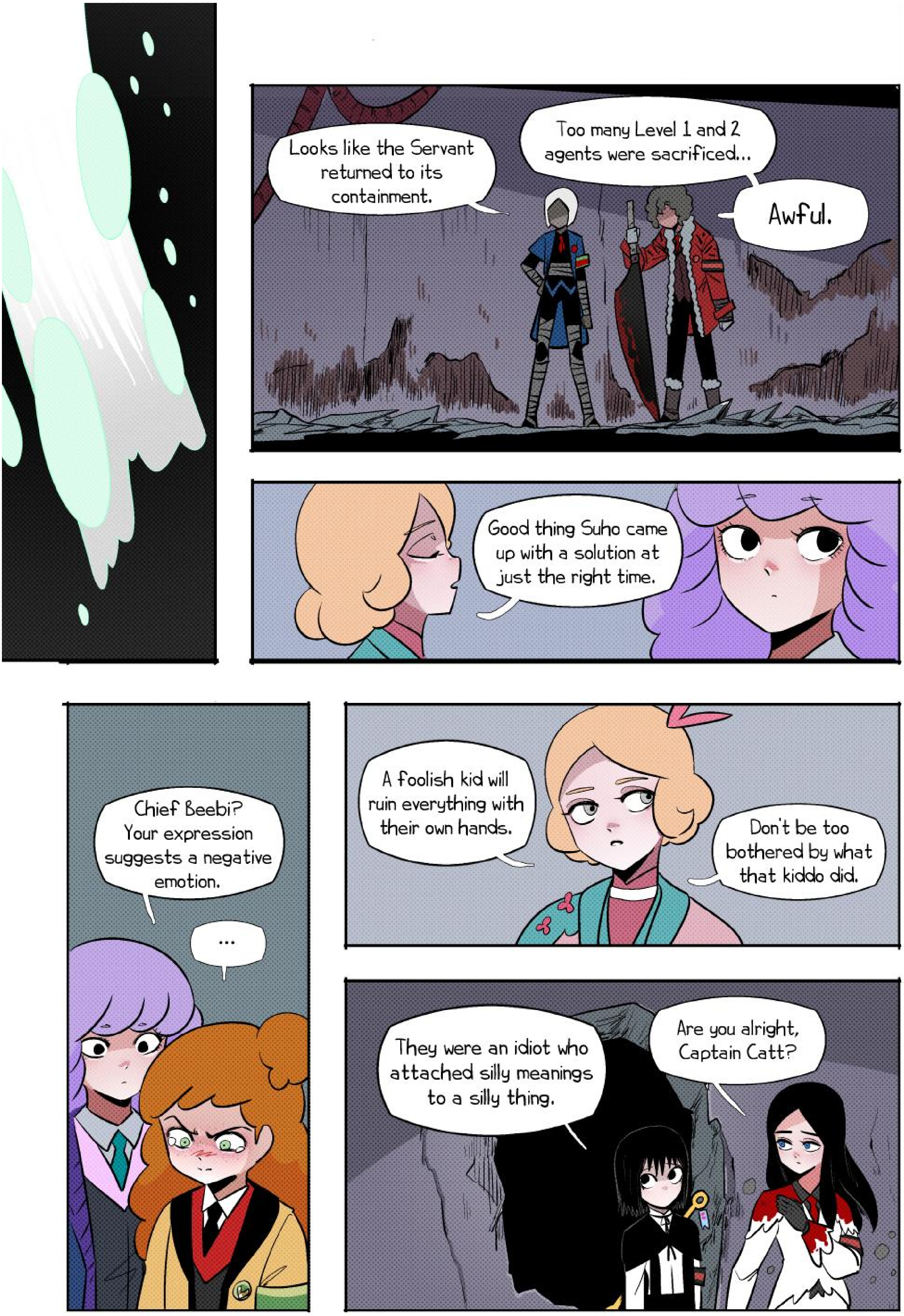

Justice and balance... Finally restored. We...
We were true friends... Right?


Looks like the Servant returned to its containment.
Too many Level 1 and 2 agents were sacrificed...
Awful.
Good thing Suho came up with a solution at just the right time.
Chief Beebi? Your expression suggests a negative emotion.
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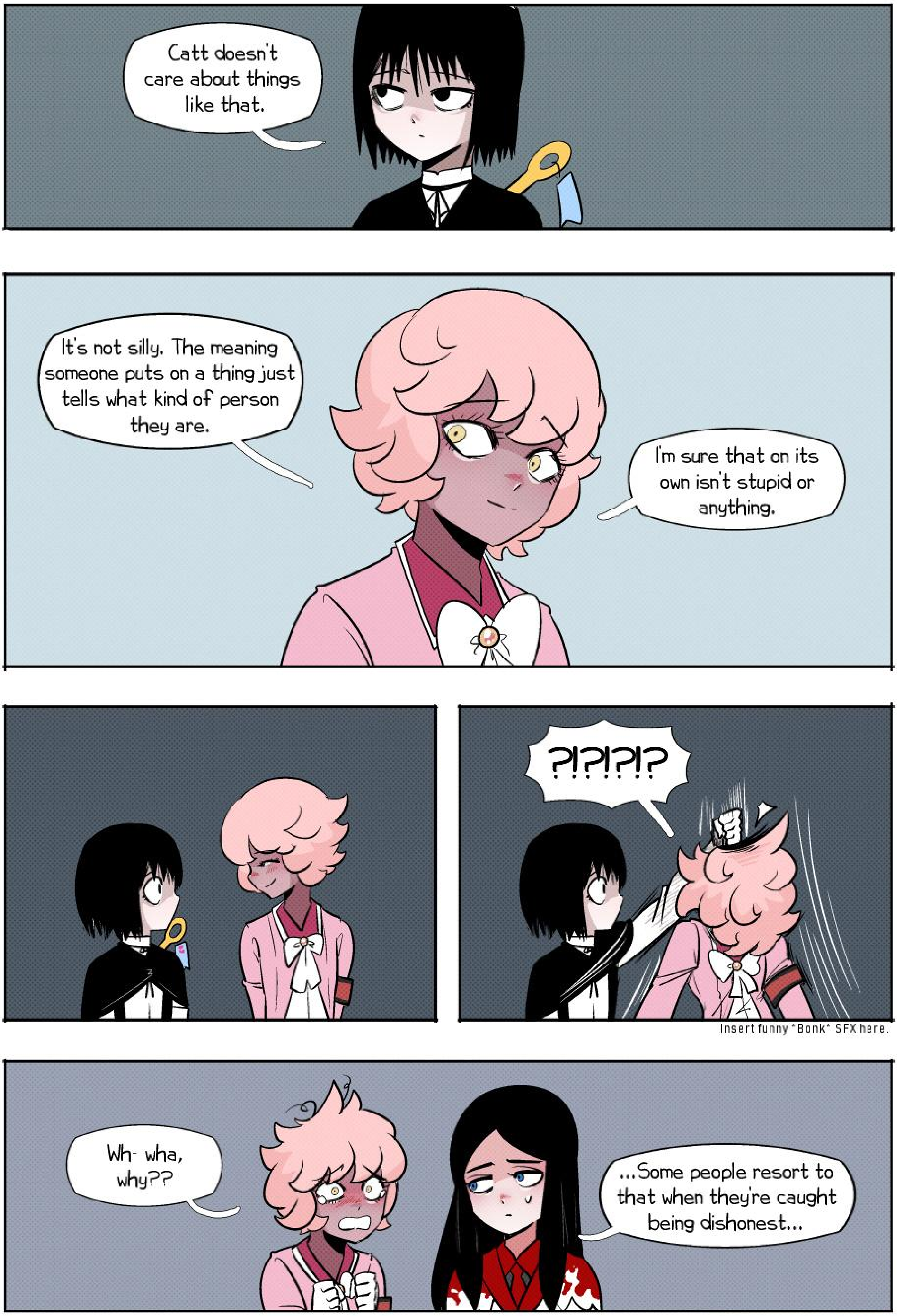
A foolish kid will ruin everything with their own hands.
Don't be too bothered by what that kiddo did.
They were an idiot who attached silly meanings to a silly thing.
Are you alright, Captain Catt?


Catt doesn't care about things like that.
It's not silly. The meaning someone puts on a thing just tells what kind of person they are.
I'm sure that on its own isn't stupid or anything.
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Wh- wha, why??
...Some people resort to that when they're caught being dishonest...

Insert funny *Bonk* SFX here.

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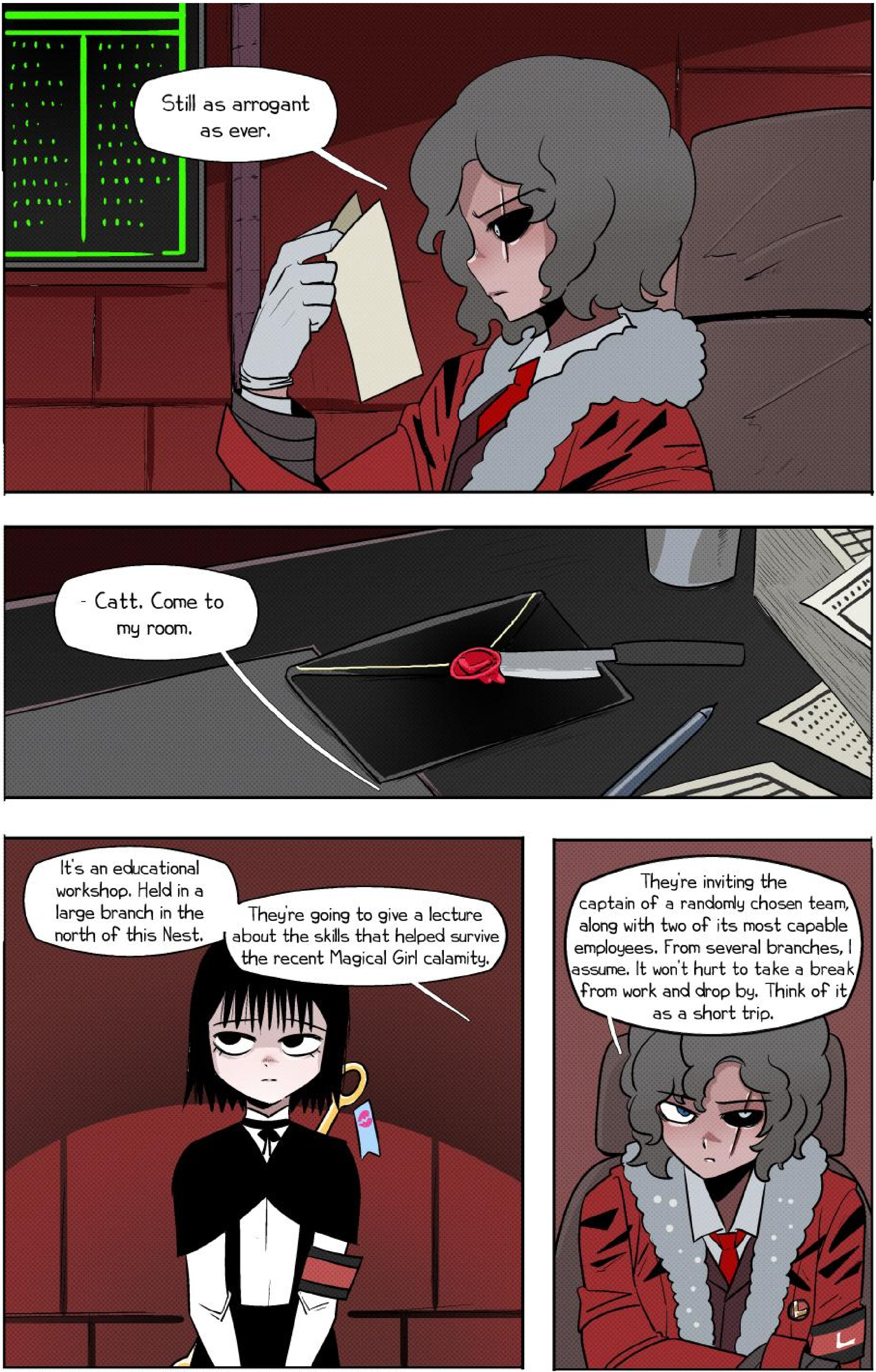
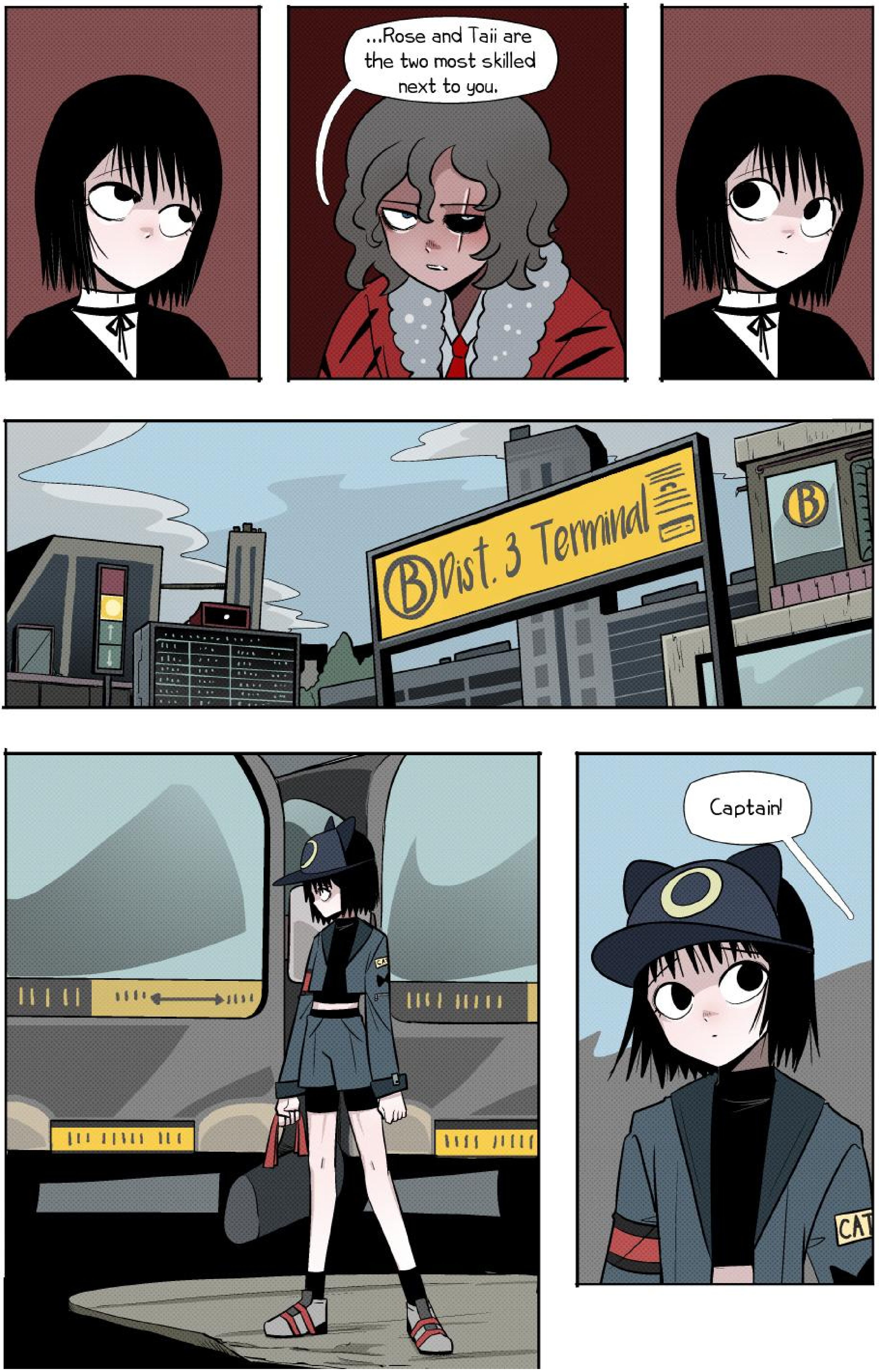

Still as arrogant as ever.
- Catt. Come to my room.
It's an educational workshop. Held in a large branch in the north of this Nest.
They're going to give a lecture about the skills that helped survive the recent Magical Girl calamity.
They're inviting the captain of a randomly chosen team, along with two of its most capable employees. From several branches, I assume. It won't hurt to take a break from work and drop by. Think of it as a short trip.

No, it is not a workshop like YuRia Atelier. It's like a conference/meeting.


...Rose and Taii are the two most skilled next to you.
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Captain!
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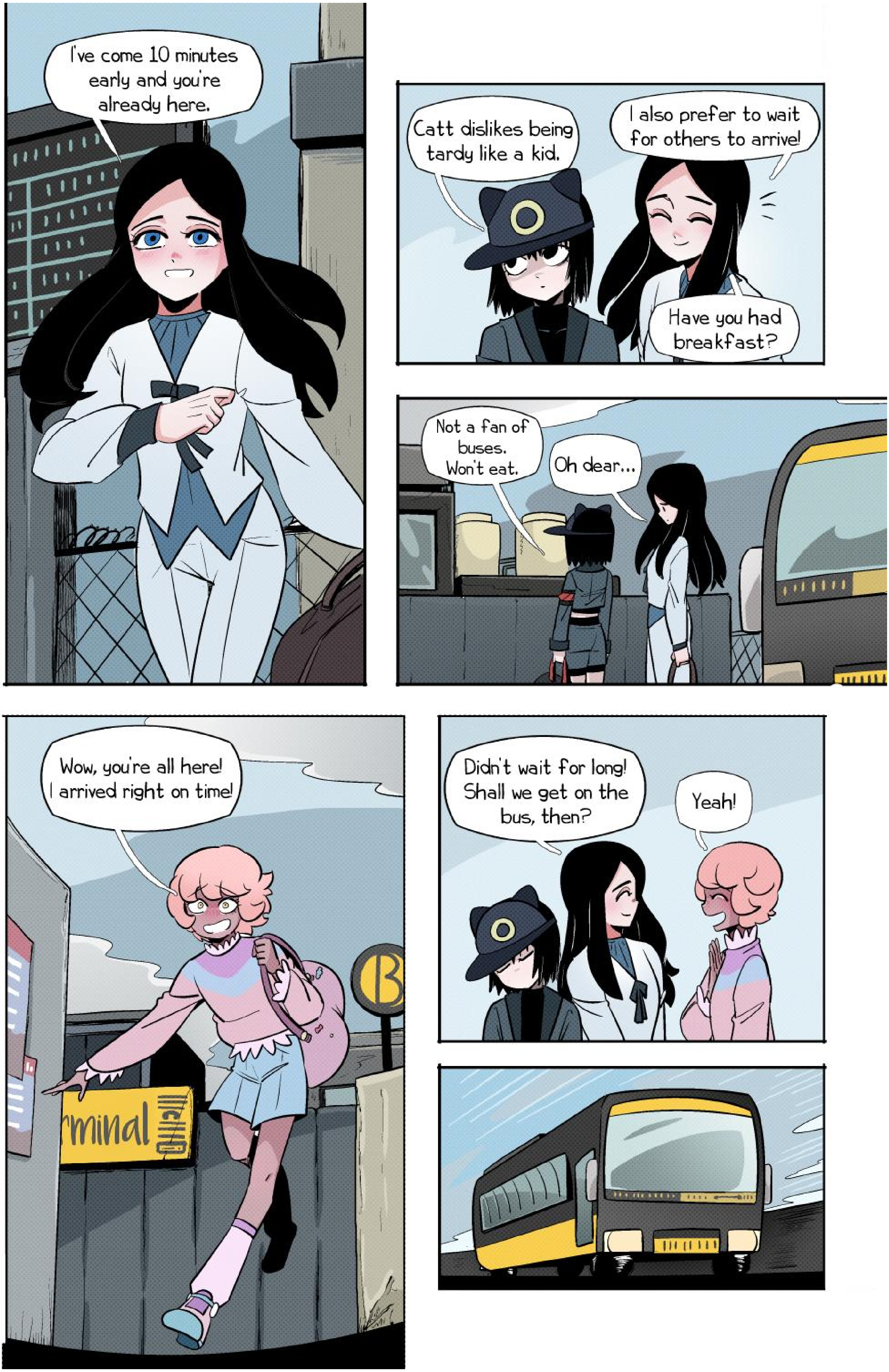
I've come 10 minutes early and you're already here.
Catt dislikes being tardy like a kid.
I also prefer to wait for others to arrive!
Have you had breakfast?
Not a fan of buses. Won't eat.
Oh dear...
Wow, you're all here! I arrived right on time!
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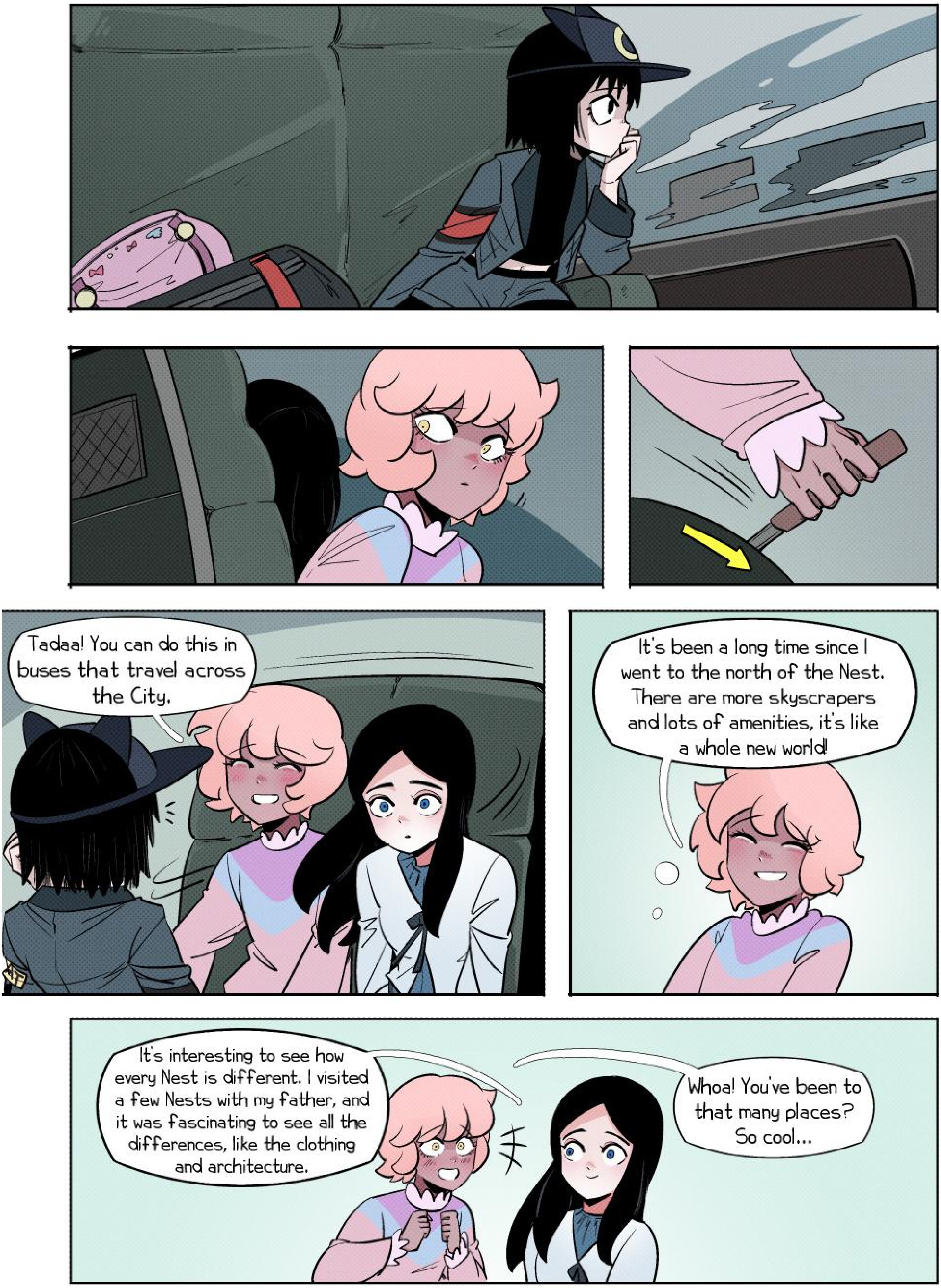
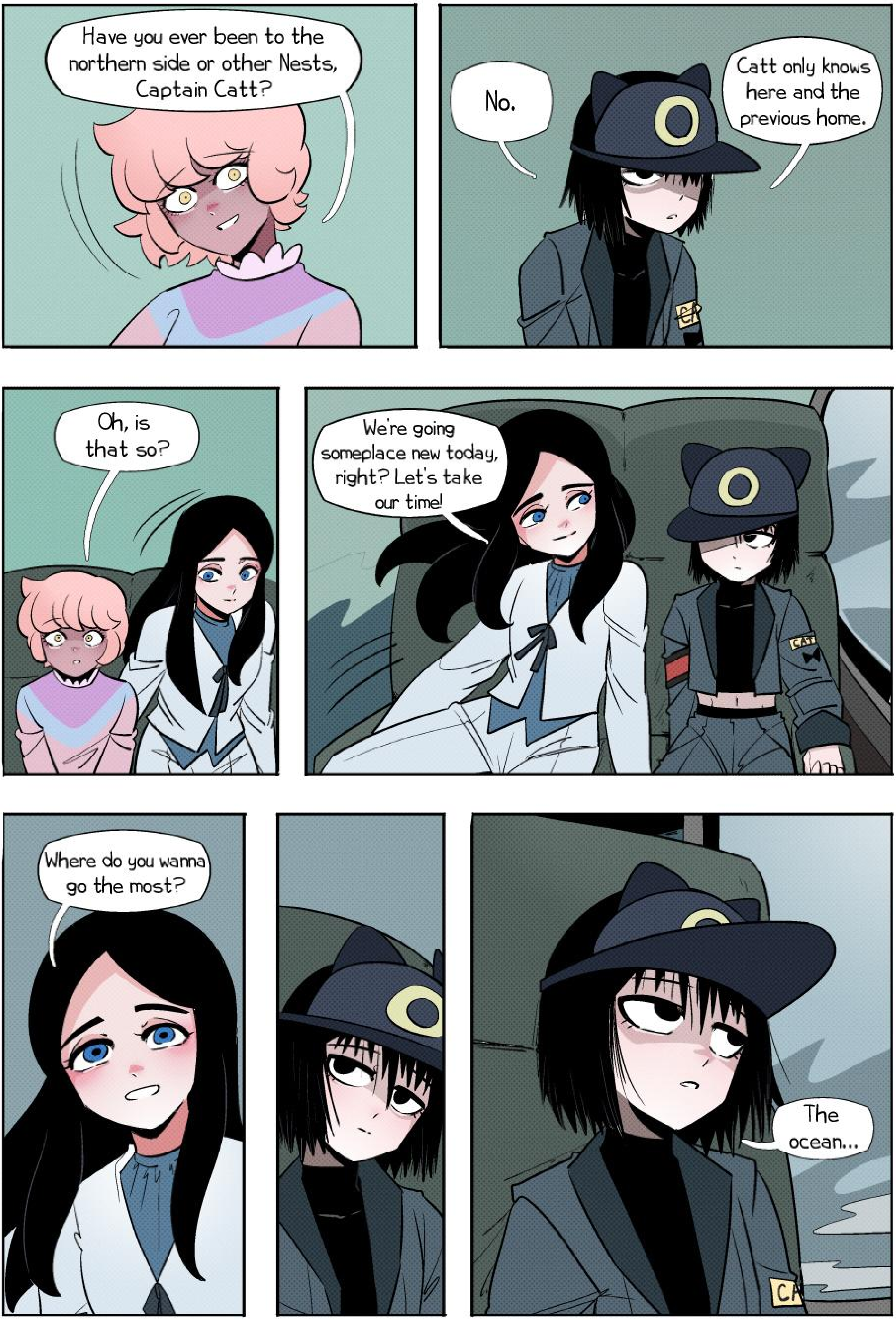
Didn't wait for long! Shall we get on the bus, then?
Yeah!


Tadaa! You can do this in buses that travel across the City.
It's been a long time since I went to the north of the Nest. There are more skyscrapers and lots of amenities, it's like a whole new world!
It's interesting to see how every Nest is different. I visited a few Nests with my father, and it was fascinating to see all the differences, like the clothing and architecture.
Whoa! You've been to that many places? So cool...


Have you ever been to the northern side or other Nests, Captain Catt?
No.
Catt only knows here and the previous home.
Oh, is that so?
We're going someplace new today, right? Let's take our time!
CATT
Where do you wanna go the most?
The ocean...
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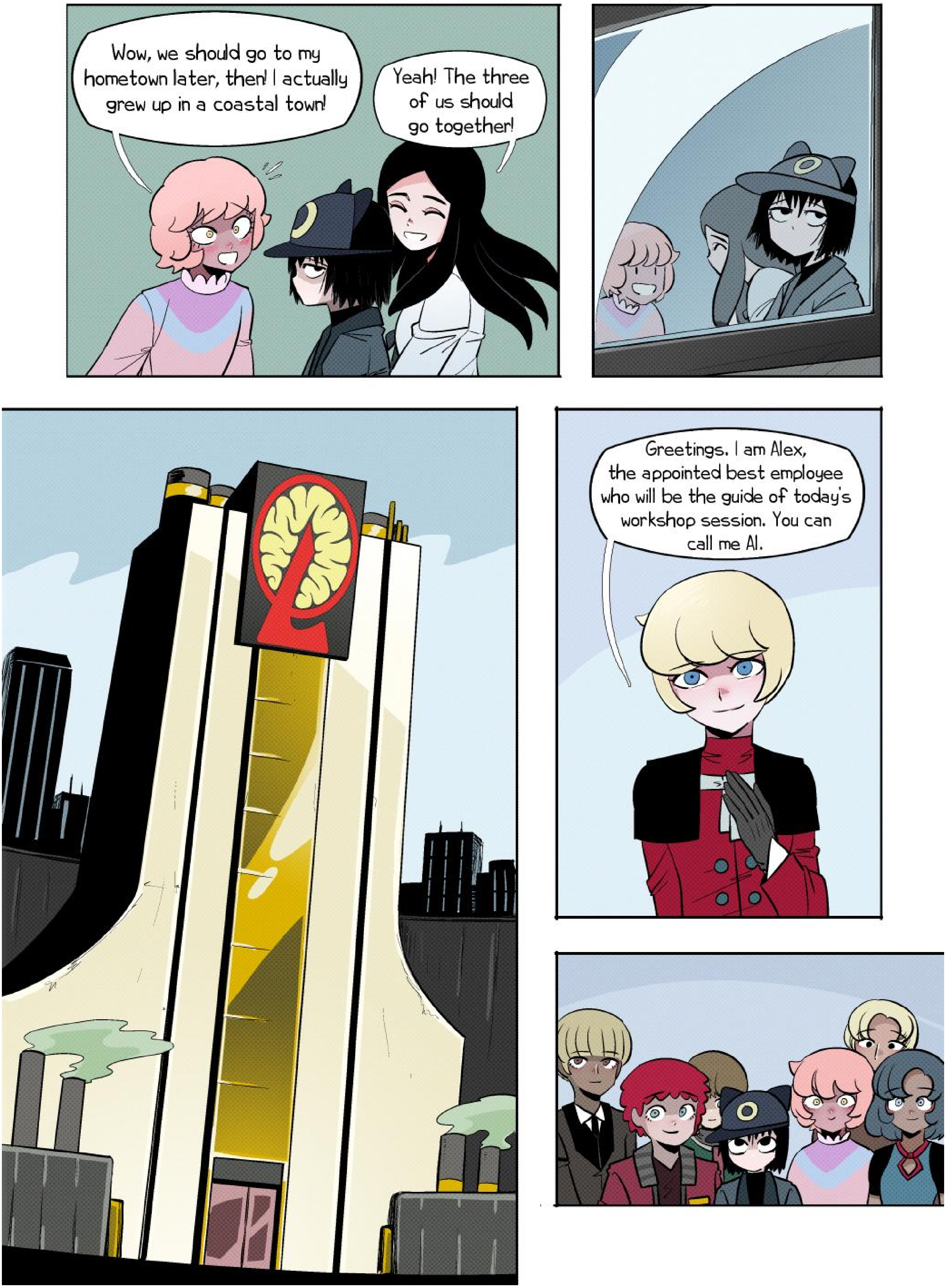
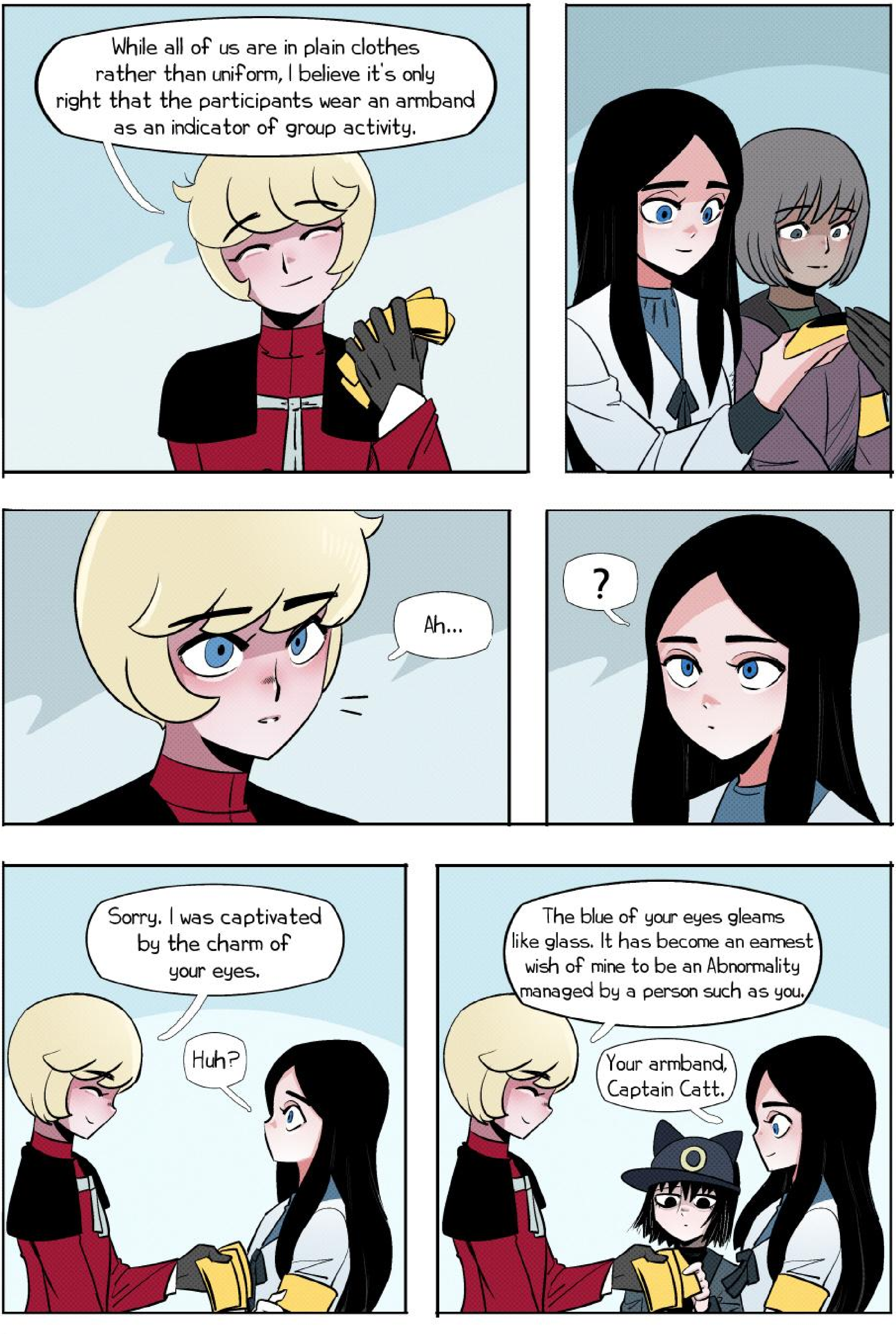
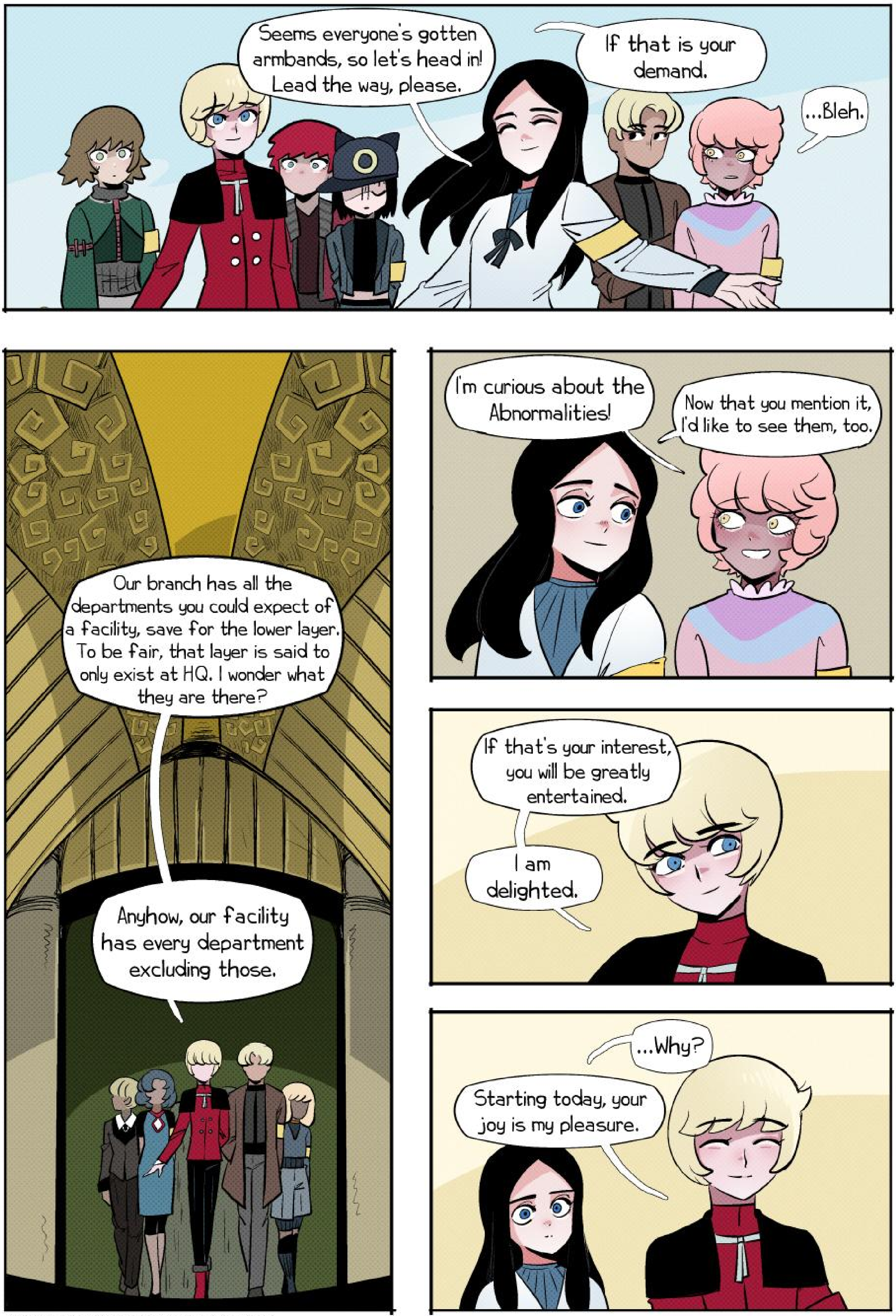
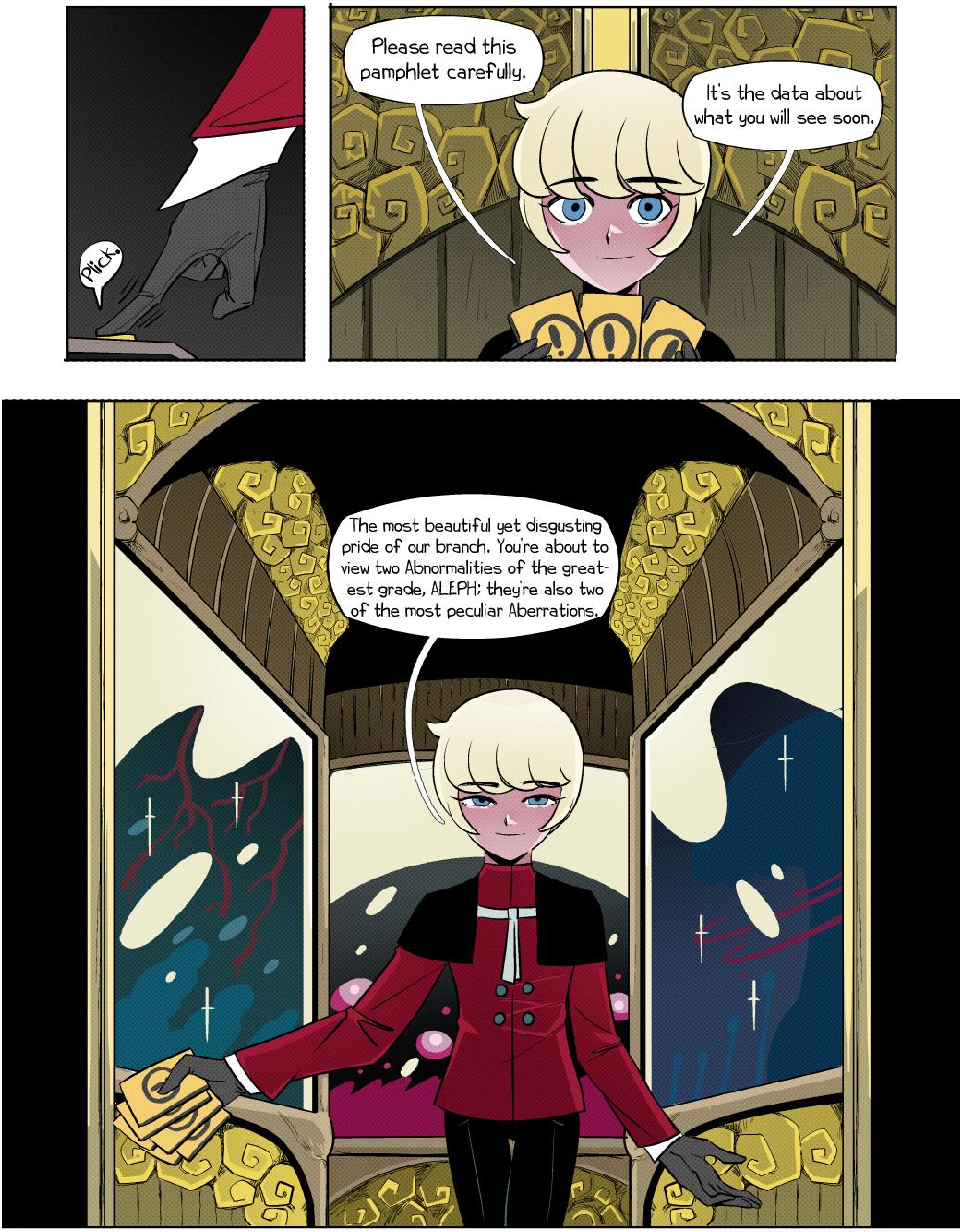

Wow, we should go to my hometown later, then! I actually grew up in a coastal town!
Yeah! The three of us should go together!
Greetings. I am Alex, the appointed best employee who will be the guide of today's workshop session. You can call me Al.


While all of us are in plain clothes rather than uniform, I believe it's only right that the participants wear an armband as an indicator of group activity.
Ah...
?
Sorry. I was captivated by the charm of your eyes.
Huh?
The blue of your eyes gleams like glass. It has become an earnest wish of mine to be an Abnormality managed by a person such as you.
Your armband, Captain Catt.


Seems everyone's gotten armbands, so let's head in! Lead the way, please.
If that is your demand.
...Bleh.
Our branch has all the departments you could expect of a facility, save for the lower layer. To be fair, that layer is said to only exist at HQ. I wonder what they are there?
Anyhow, our facility has every department excluding those.
I'm curious about the Abnormalities!
Now that you mention it, I'd like to see them, too.
If that's your interest, you will be greatly entertained.
I am delighted.
...Why?
Starting today, your joy is my pleasure.

For those who don't know, this is mentioning the Extraction and Records Departments.


Plick.
Please read this pamphlet carefully.
It's the data about what you will see soon.
The most beautiful yet disgusting pride of our branch. You're about to view two Abnormalities of the greatest grade, ALEPH; they're also two of the most peculiar Aberrations.

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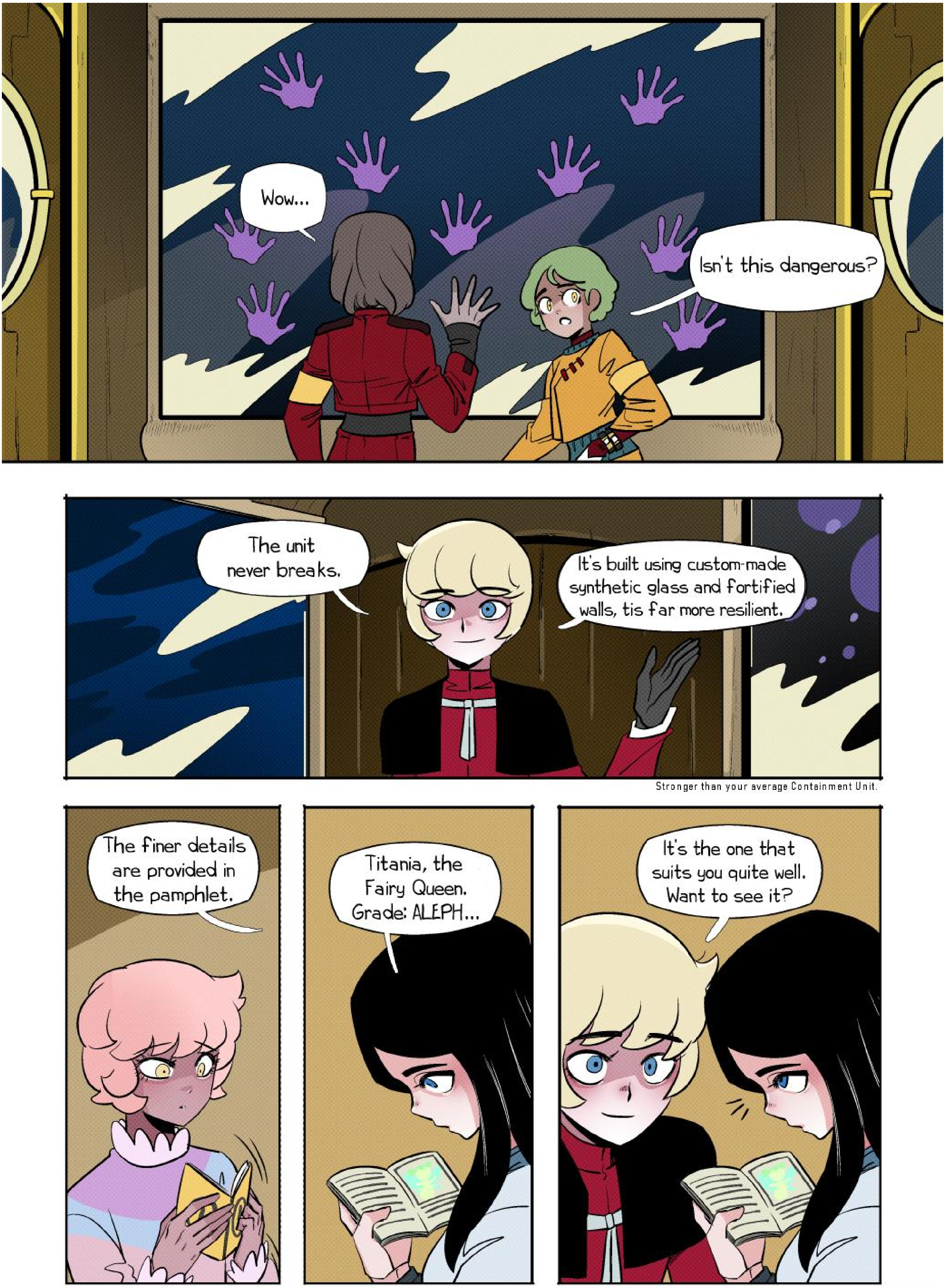
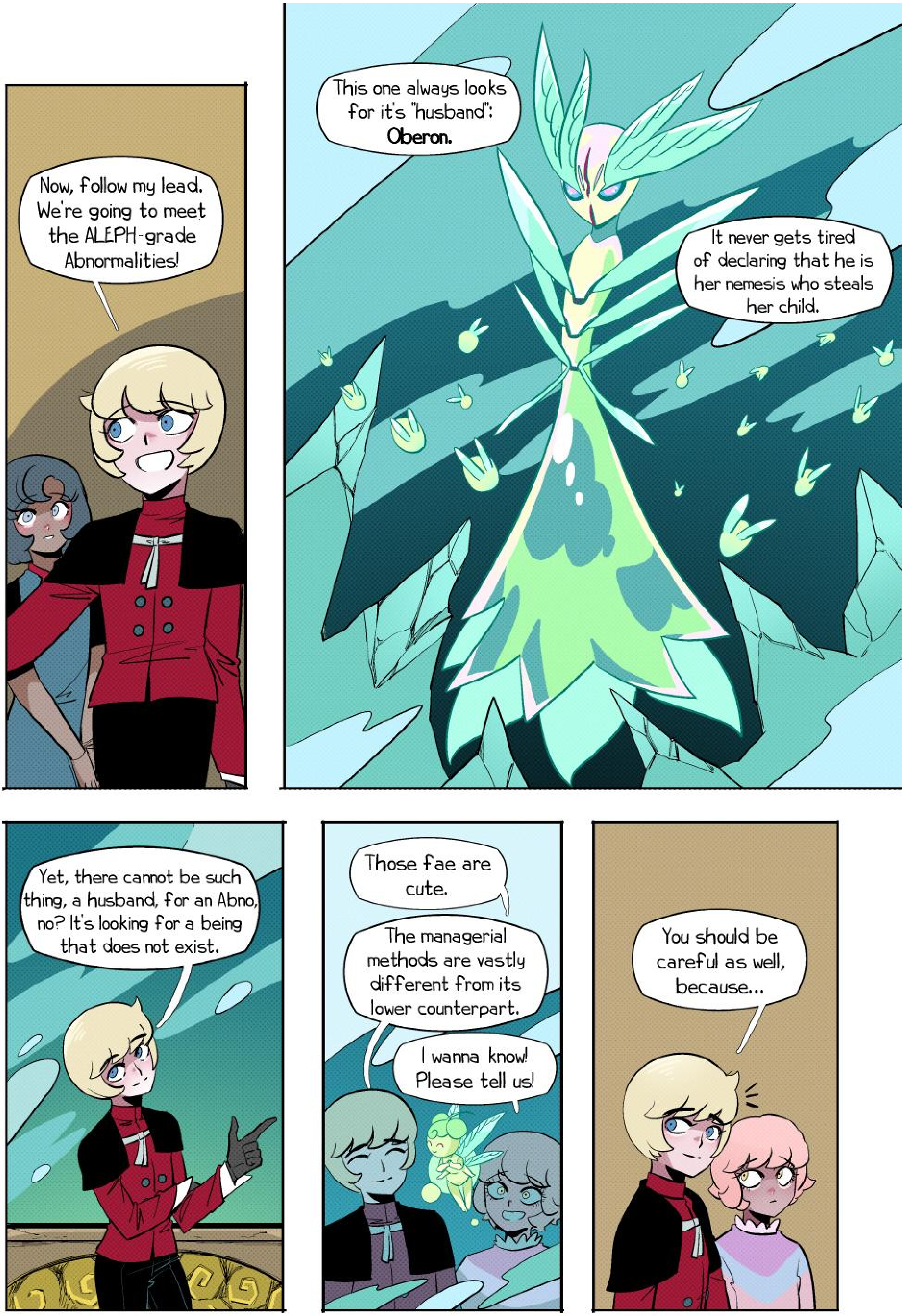
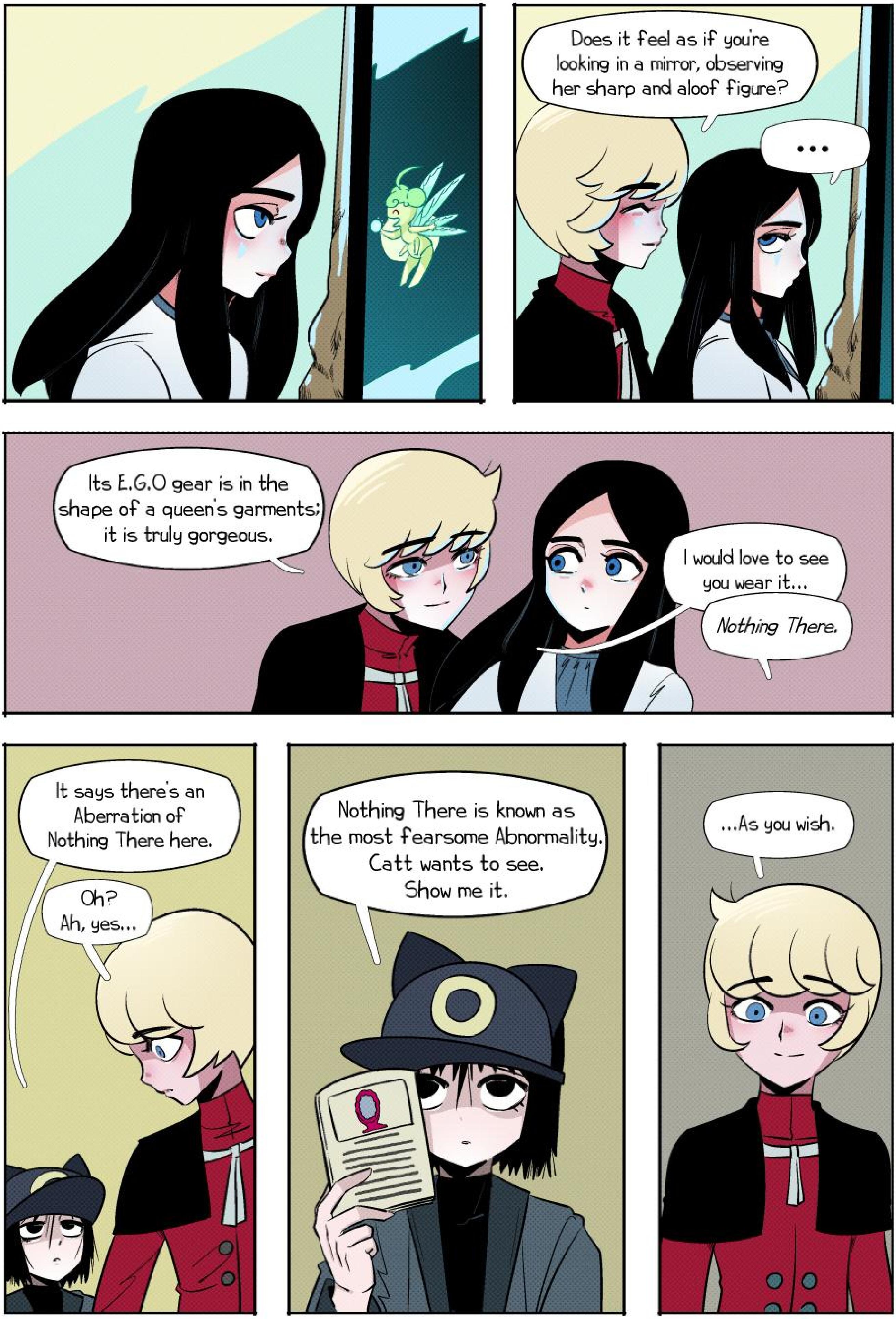
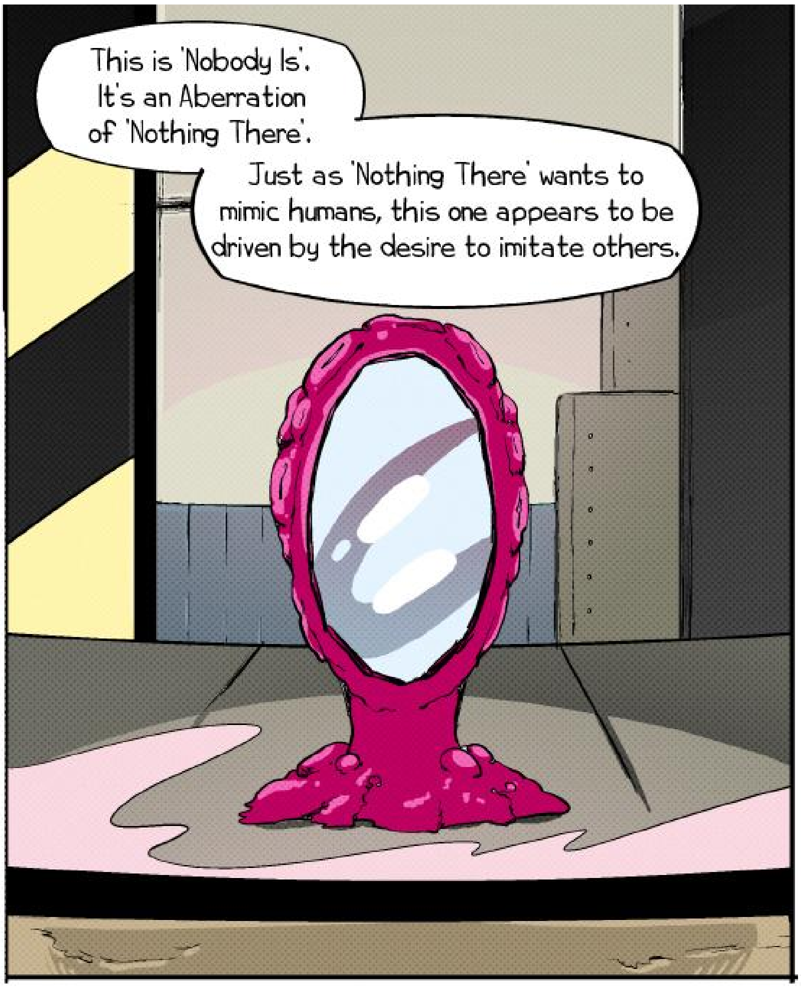
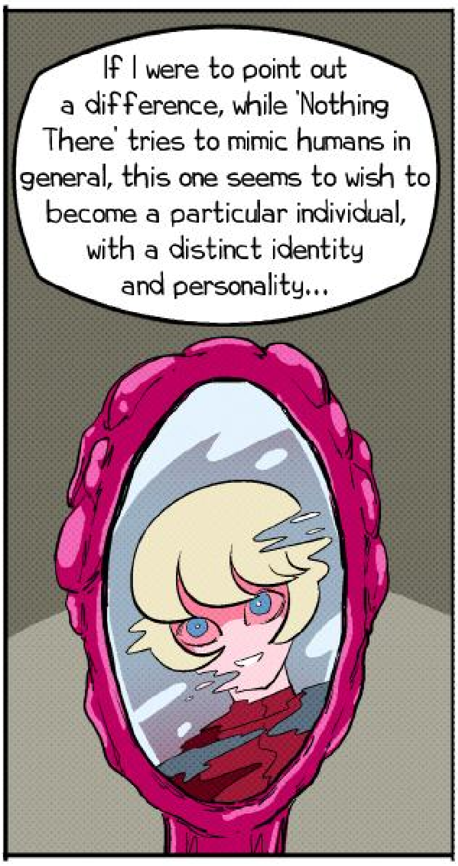
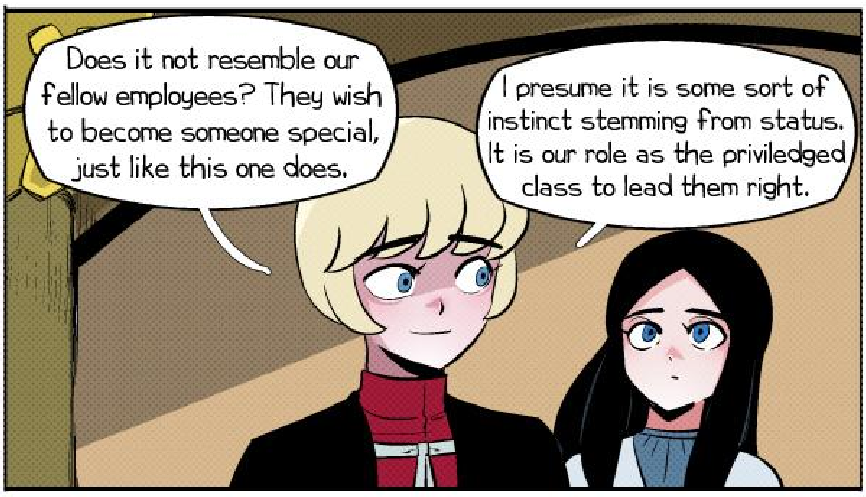

Wow...
Isn't this dangerous?
The unit never breaks.
It's built using custom-made synthetic glass and fortified walls, tis far more resilient.
Stronger than your average Containment Unit.
The finer details are provided in the pamphlet.
Titania, the Fairy Queen. Grade: ALEPH...
It's the one that suits you quite well. Want to see it?

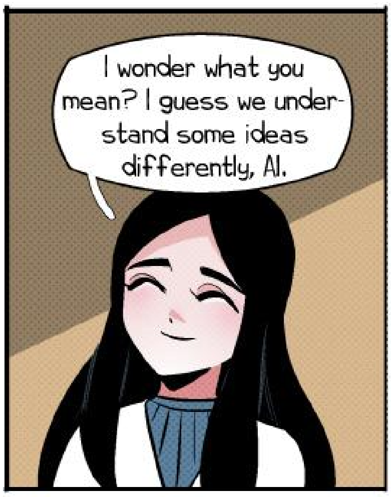

Now, follow my lead. We're going to meet the ALEPH-grade Abnormalities!
This one always looks for it's "husband": **Oberon.**
It never gets tired of declaring that he is her nemesis who steals her child.
Yet, there cannot be such thing, a husband, for an Abno, no? It's looking for a being that does not exist.
Those fae are cute.
The managerial methods are vastly different from its lower counterpart.
I wanna know! Please tell us!
You should be careful as well, because...

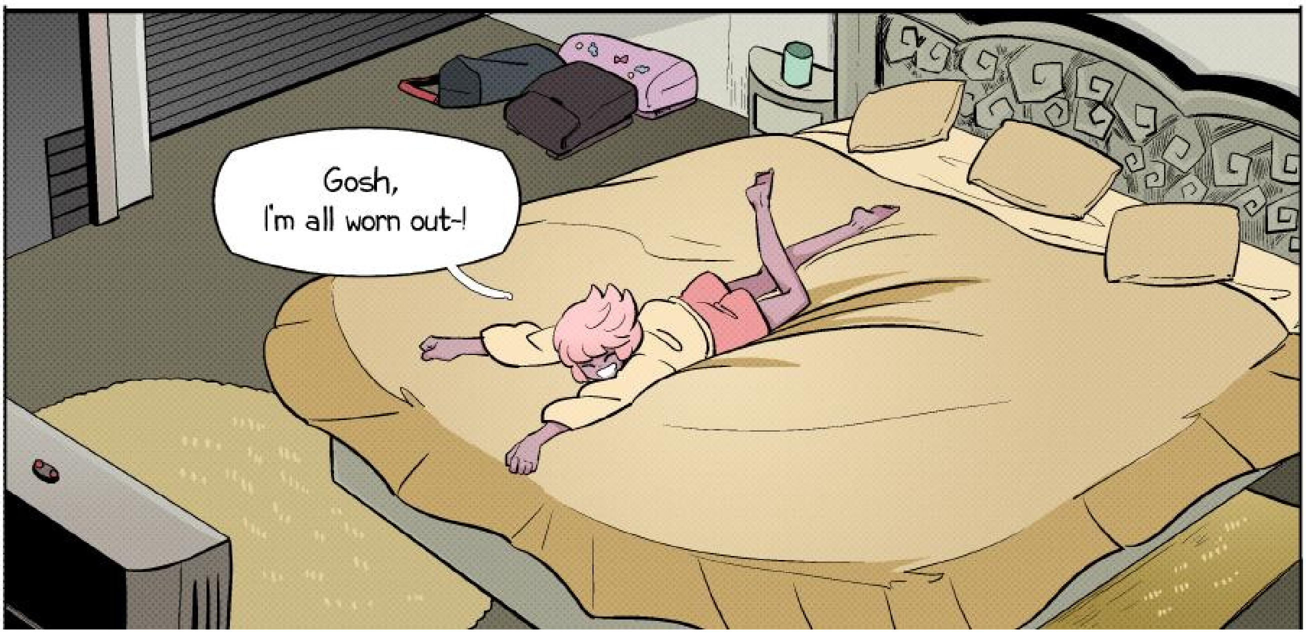

Does it feel as if you're looking in a mirror, observing her sharp and aloof figure?
...
Its E.G.O gear is in the shape of a queen's garments; it is truly gorgeous.
I would love to see you wear it...
Nothing There.
It says there's an Aberration of Nothing There here.
Oh? Ah, yes...
Nothing There is known as the most fearsome Abnormality. Catt wants to see. Show me it.
...As you wish.

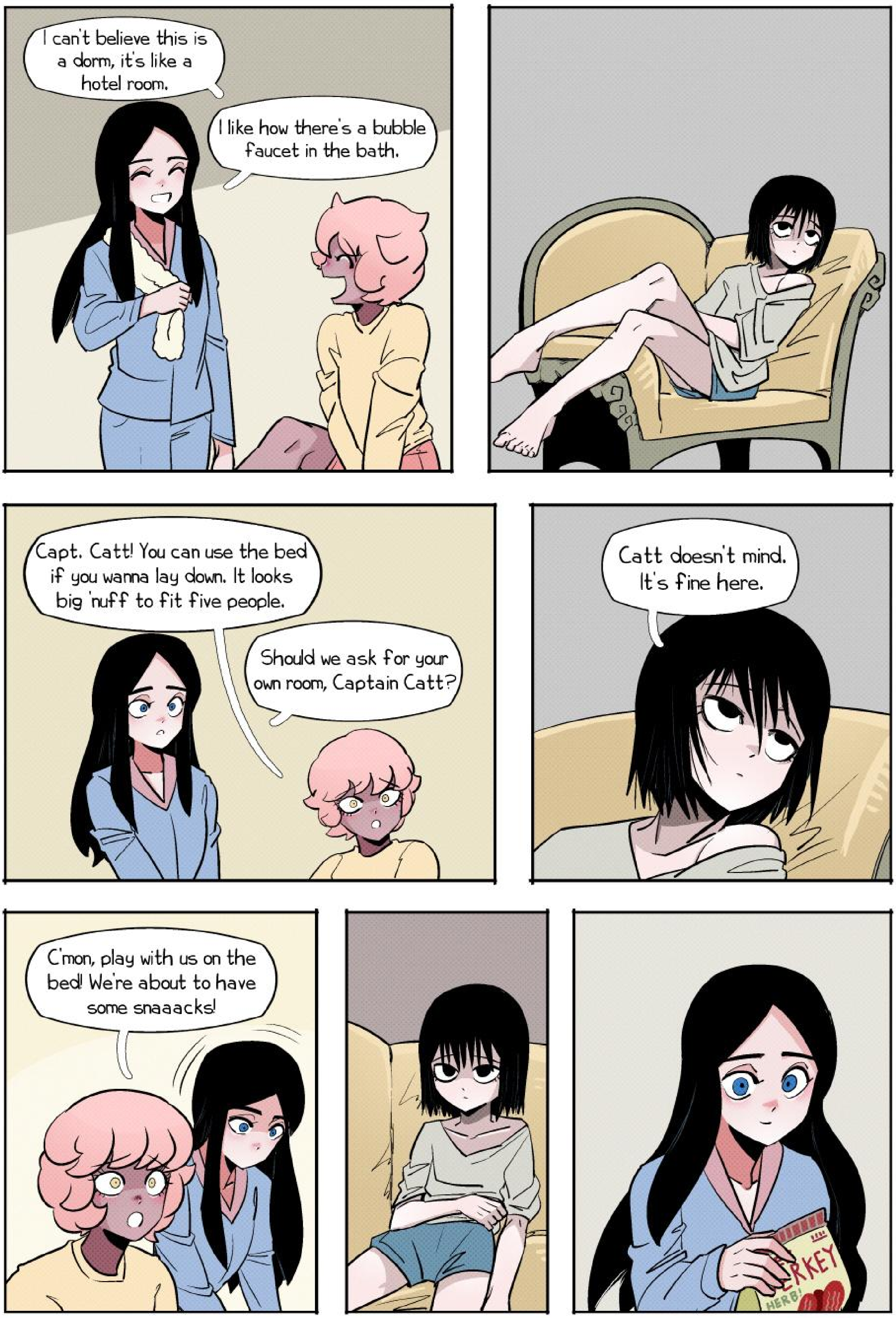

This is 'Nobody Is'. It's an Aberration of 'Nothing There'.
Just as 'Nothing There' wants to mimic humans, this one appears to be driven by the desire to imitate others.

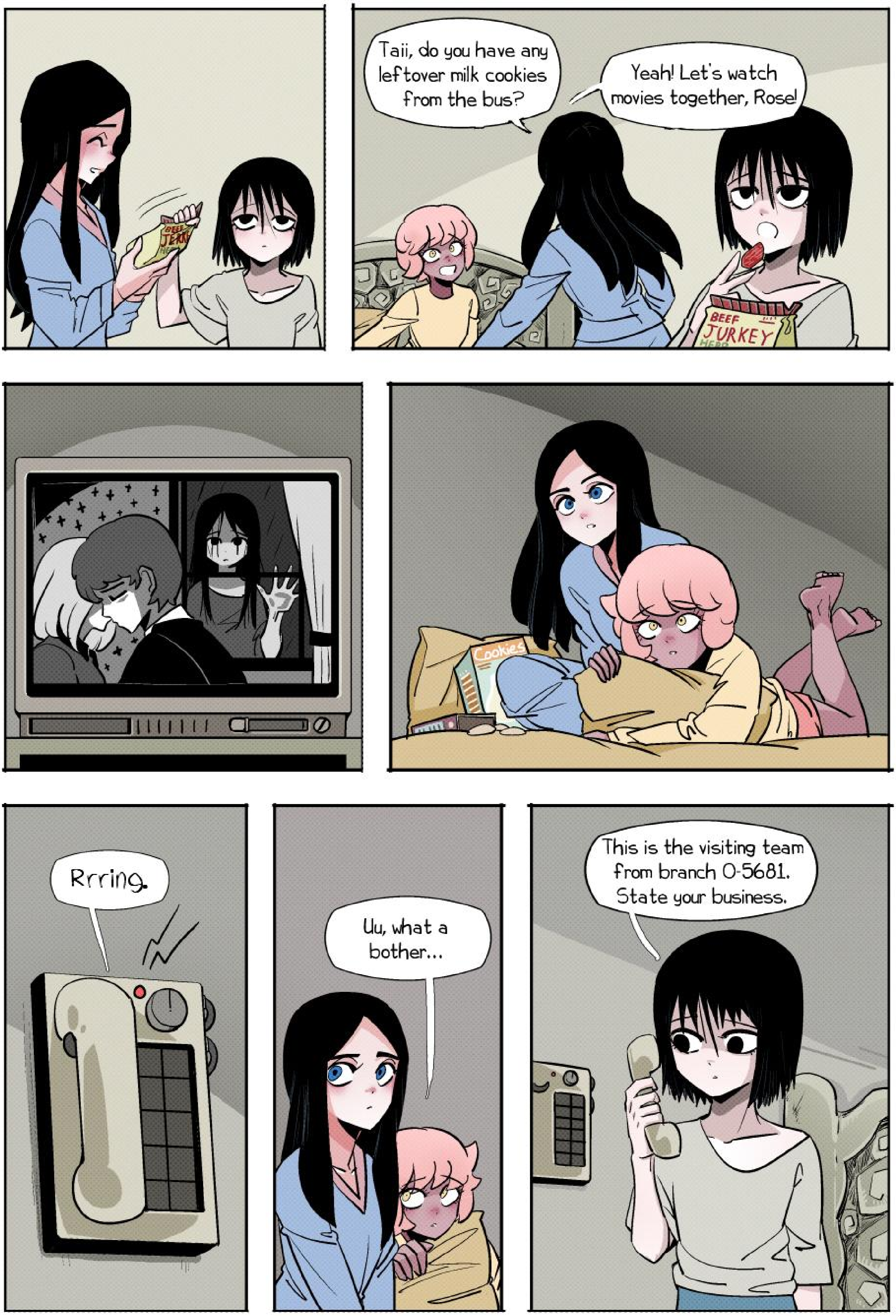

If I were to point out a difference, while 'Nothing There' tries to mimic humans in general, this one seems to wish to become a particular individual, with a distinct identity and personality...

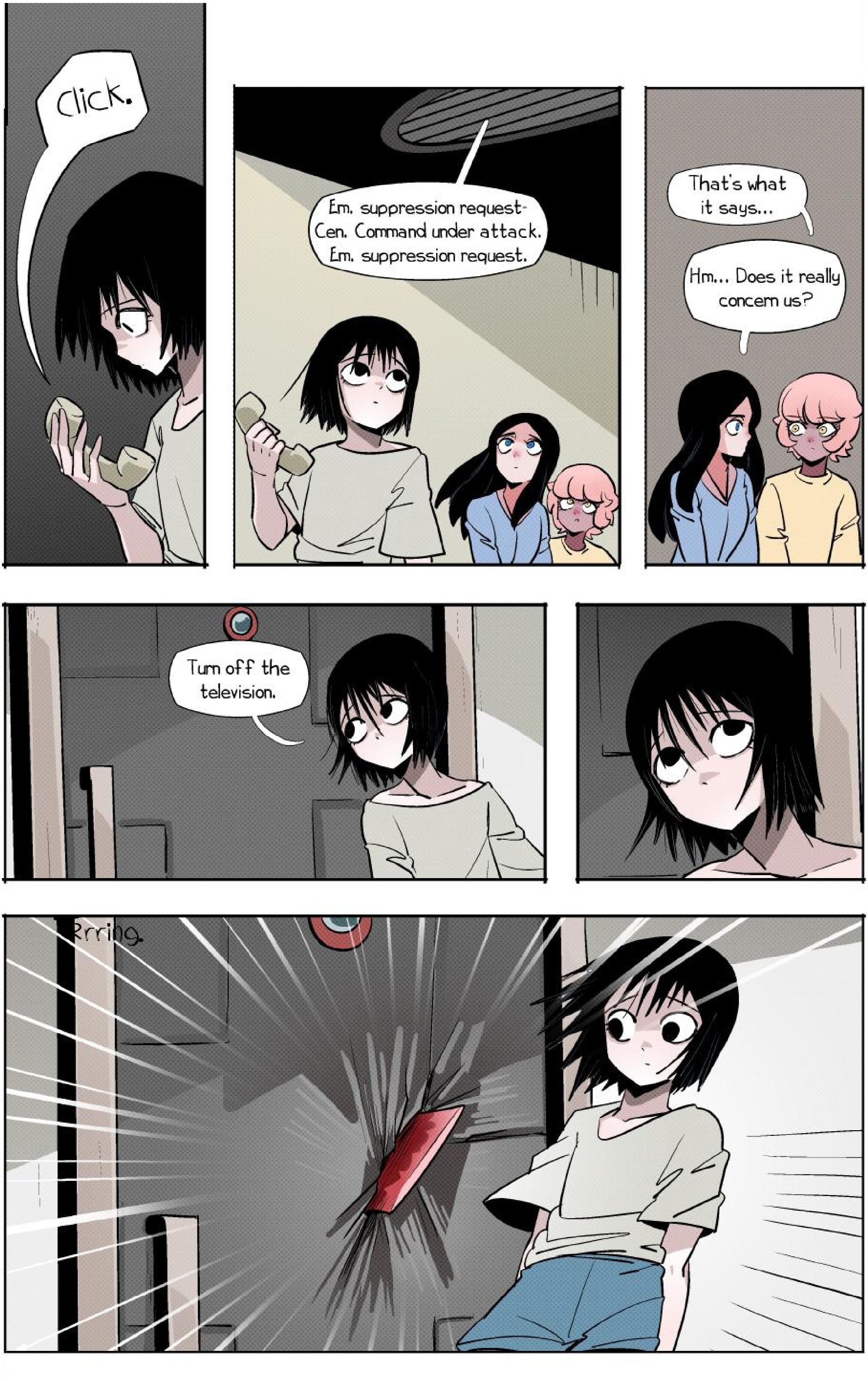

Does it not resemble our fellow employees? They wish to become someone special, just like this one does.
I presume it is some sort of instinct stemming from status. It is our role as the priviledged class to lead them right.

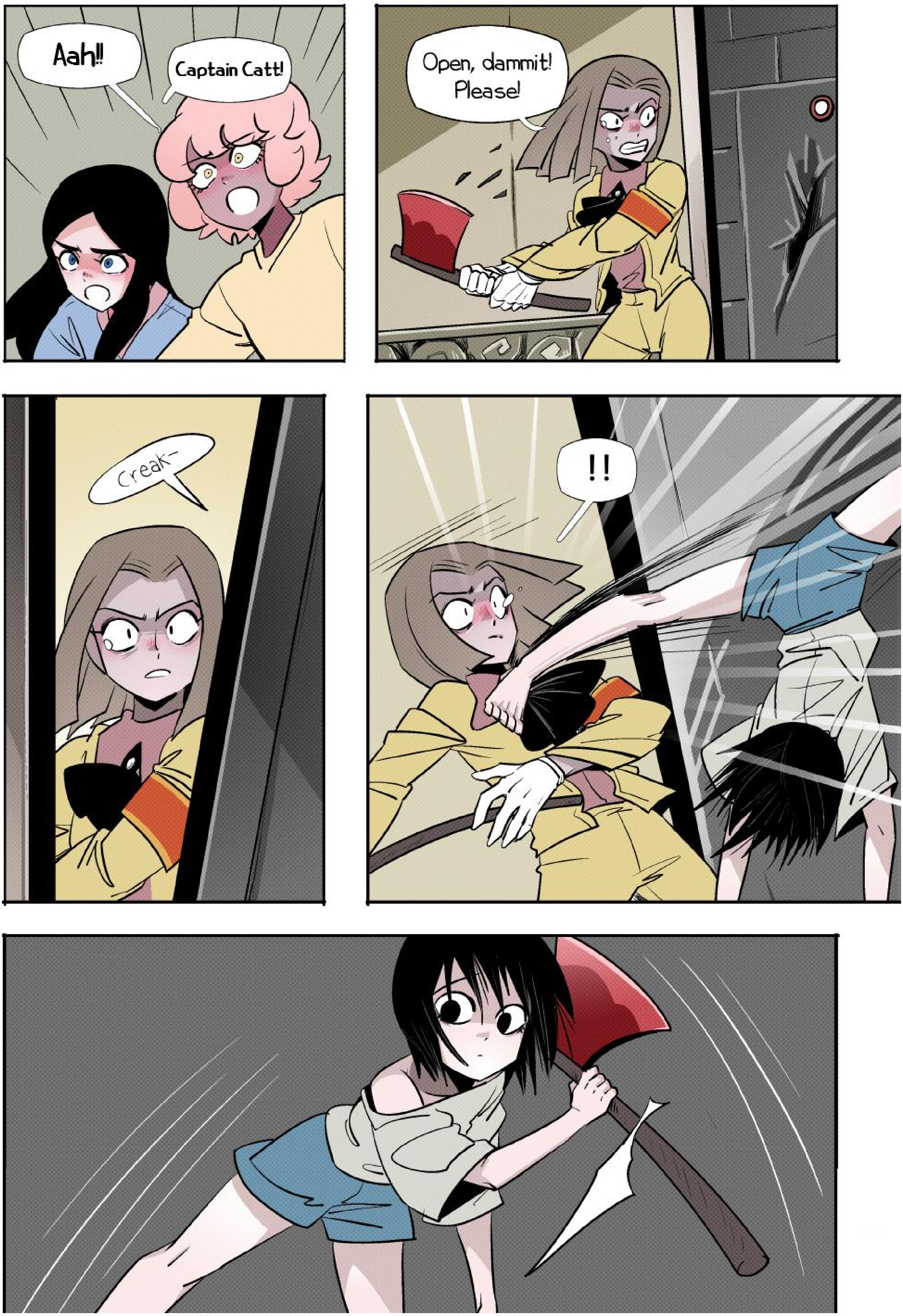

I wonder what you mean? I guess we understand some ideas differently, AI.


Gosh, I'm all worn out~!


I can't believe this is a dorm, it's like a hotel room.
I like how there's a bubble faucet in the bath.
Capt. Catt! You can use the bed if you wanna lay down. It looks big 'nuff to fit five people.
Should we ask for your own room, Captain Catt?
Catt doesn't mind. It's fine here.
C'mon, play with us on the bed! We're about to have some snaaacks!
ERKEY
HERB!


Taii, do you have any leftover milk cookies from the bus?
Yeah! Let's watch movies together, Rose!
BEEF JURKEY
Cookies
Rrring.
Uu, what a bother...
This is the visiting team from branch 0-5681. State your business.


Click.
Em. suppression request- Cen. Command under attack. Em. suppression request.
That's what it says...
Hm... Does it really concern us?
Turn off the television.
Rrring.


Aah!!
Captain Catt!
Open, dammit! Please!
Creak-
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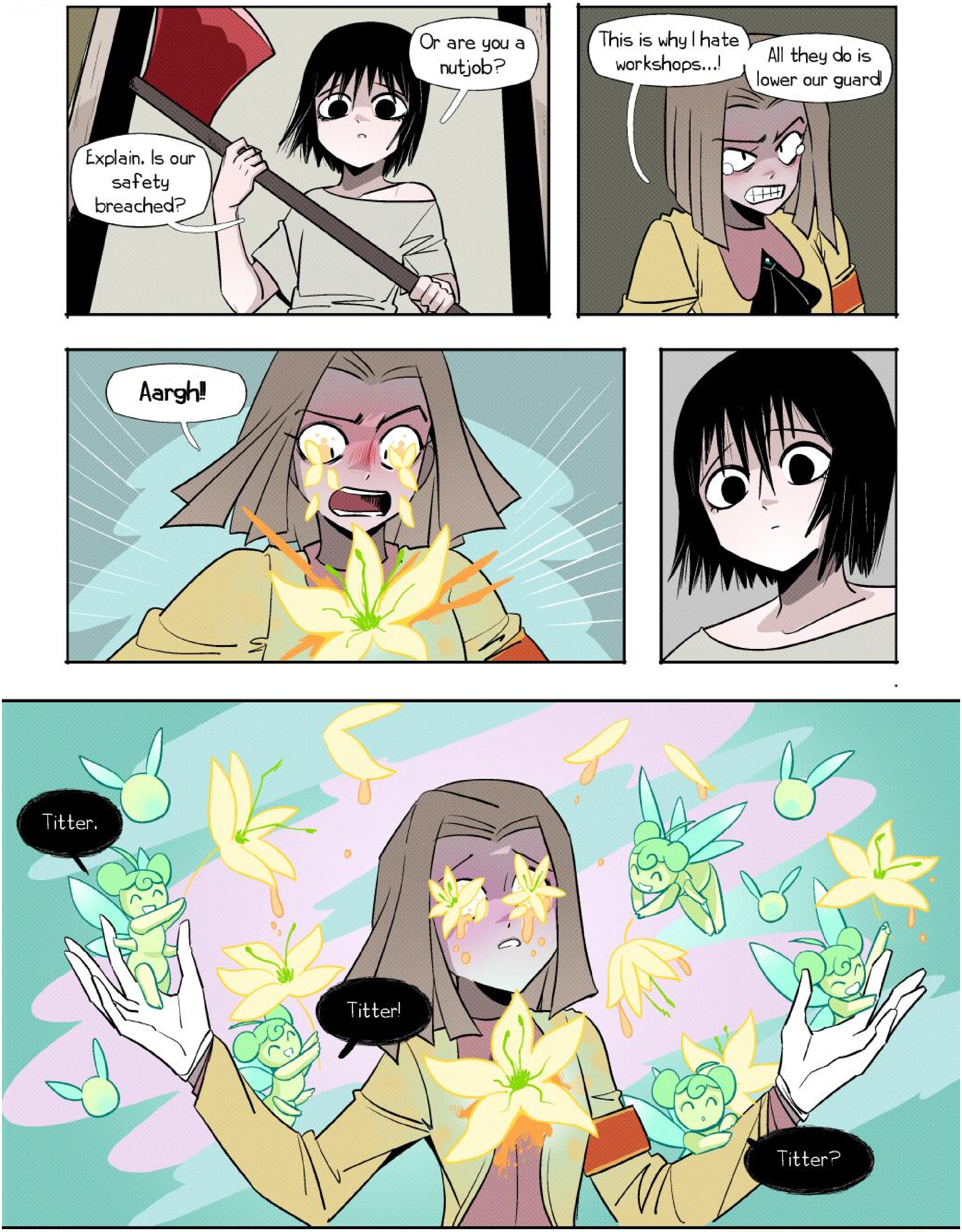
Explain. Is our safety breached?
Or are you a nutjob?
This is why I hate workshops...!
All they do is lower our guard!
Aargh!!
Titter.
Titter!
Titter?

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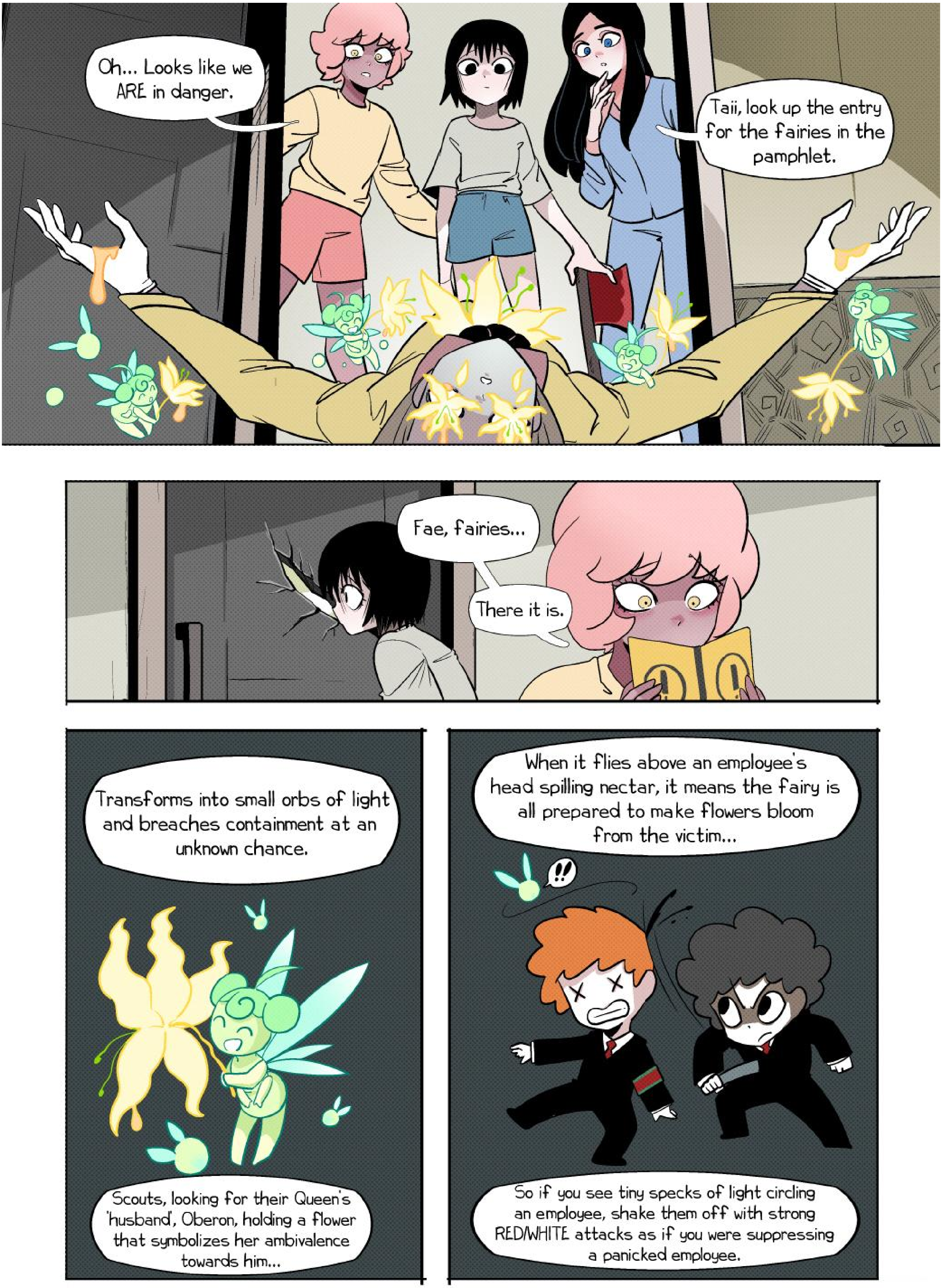
Oh... Looks like we ARE in danger.
Taii, look up the entry for the fairies in the pamphlet.
Fae, fairies...
There it is.
Transforms into small orbs of light and breaches containment at an unknown chance.
Scouts, looking for their Queen's 'husband', Oberon, holding a flower that symbolizes her ambivalence towards him...
When it flies above an employee's head spilling nectar, it means the fairy is all prepared to make flowers bloom from the victim...
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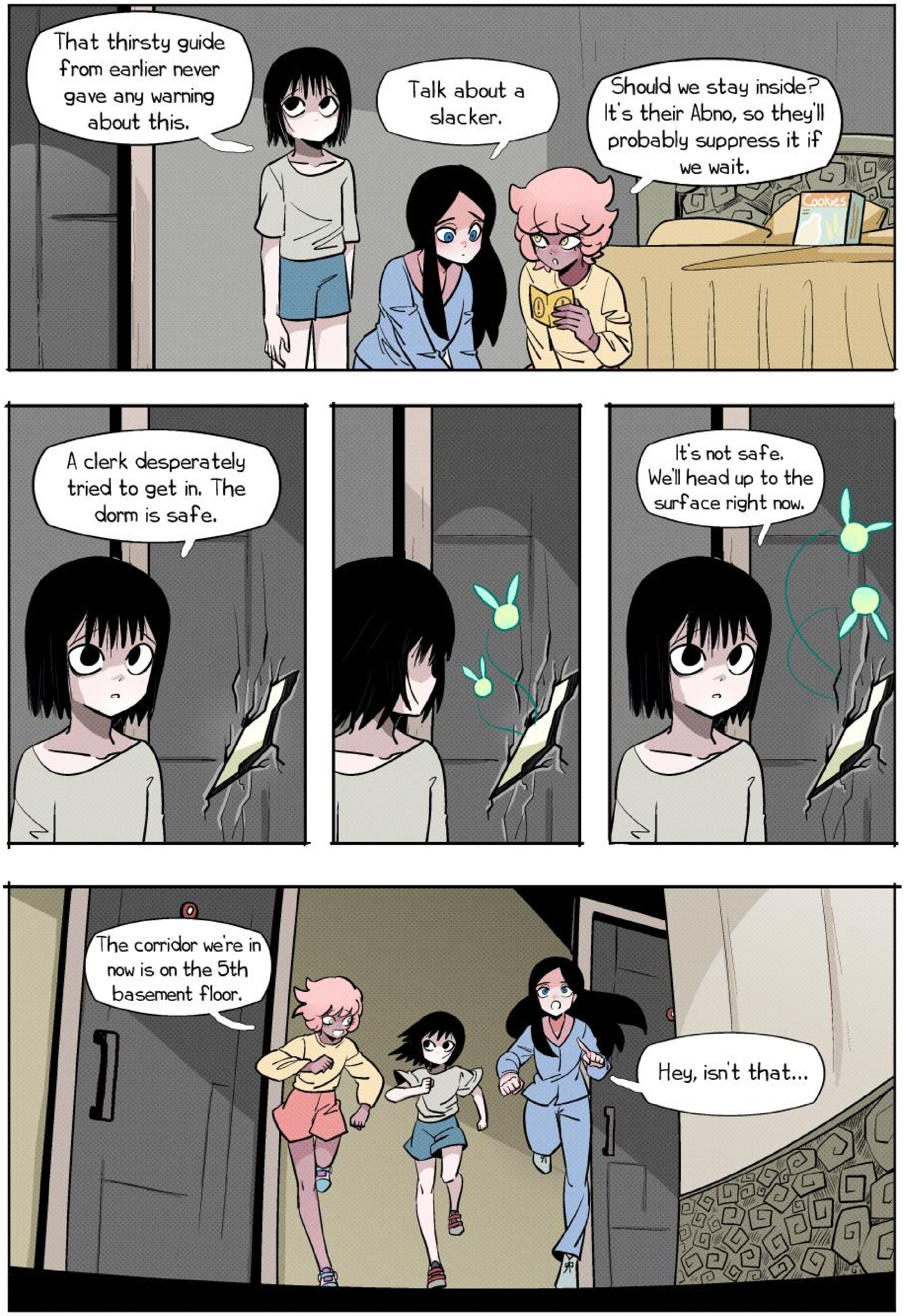
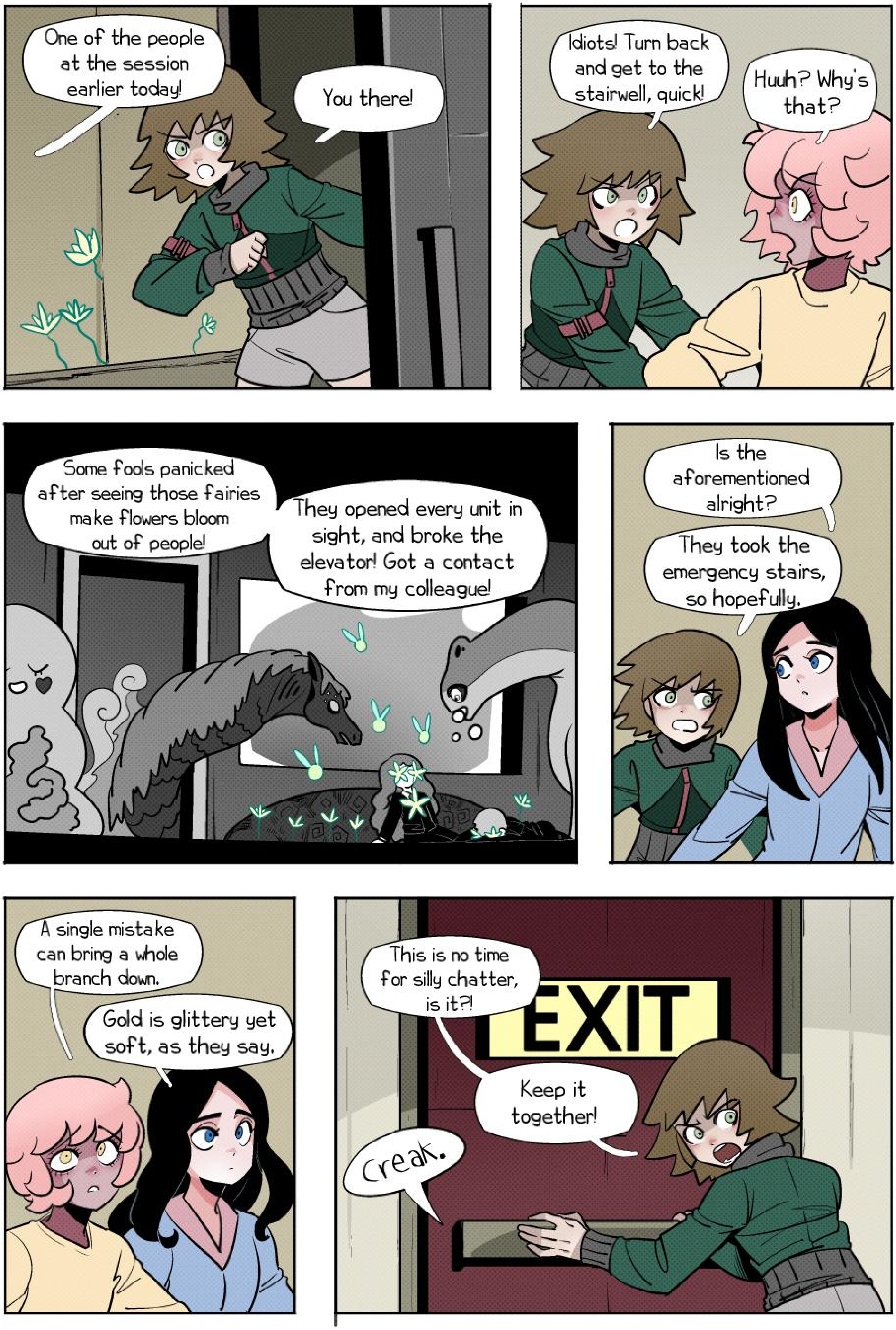
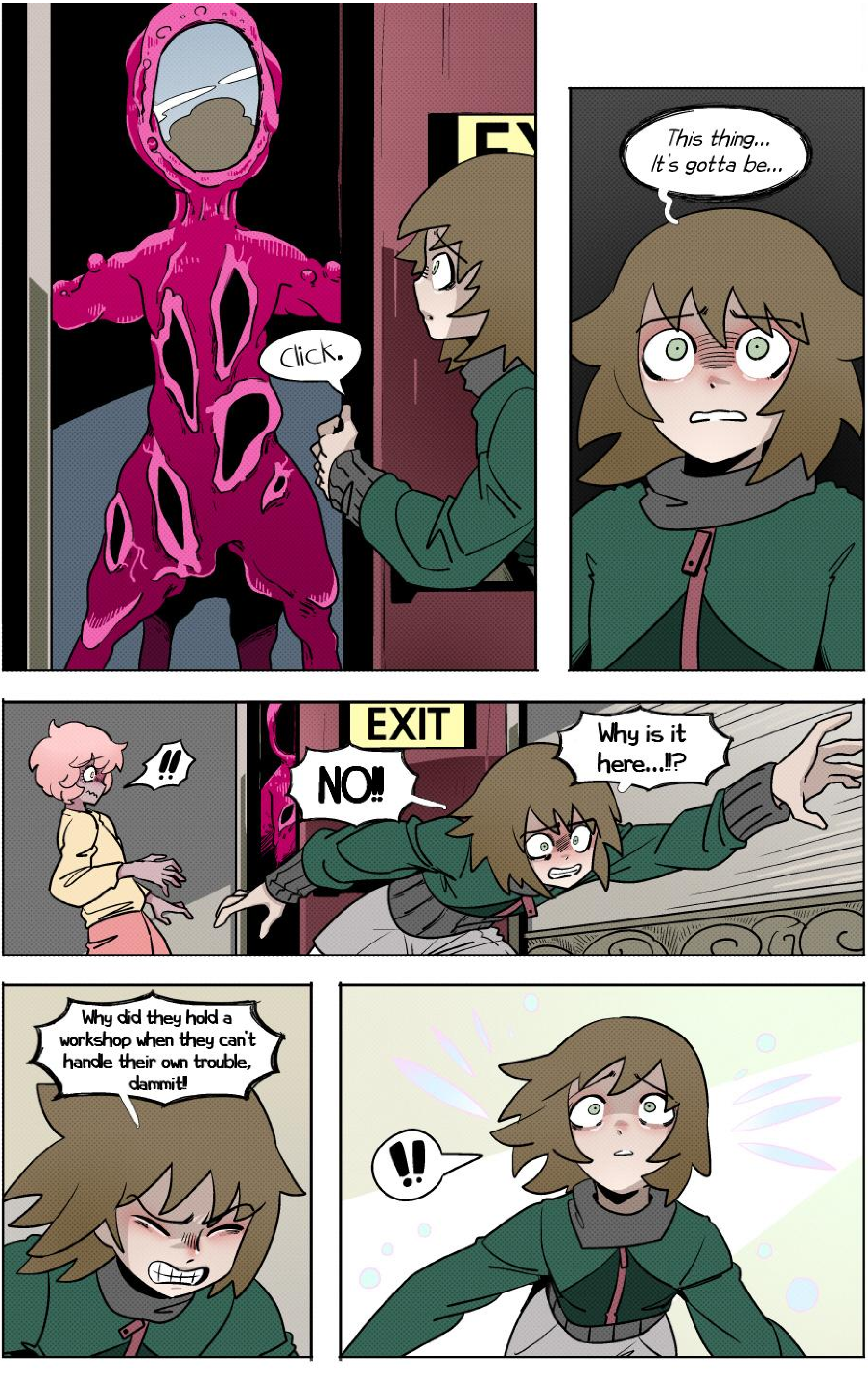
So if you see tiny specks of light circling an employee, shake them off with strong RED/WHITE attacks as if you were suppressing a panicked employee.


That thirsty guide from earlier never gave any warning about this.
Talk about a slacker.
Should we stay inside? It's their Abno, so they'll probably suppress it if we wait.
Cookies
A clerk desperately tried to get in. The dorm is safe.
It's not safe. We'll head up to the surface right now.
The corridor we're in now is on the 5th basement floor.
Hey, isn't that...


One of the people at the session earlier today!
You there!
Idiots! Turn back and get to the stairwell, quick!
Huuh? Why's that?
Some fools panicked after seeing those fairies make flowers bloom out of people!
They opened every unit in sight, and broke the elevator! Got a contact from my colleague!
Is the aforementioned alright?
They took the emergency stairs, so hopefully.
A single mistake can bring a whole branch down.
Gold is glittery yet soft, as they say.
This is no time for silly chatter, is it?!
EXIT
Keep it together!
Creak.


Click.
This thing... It's gotta be...
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NO!!
Why is it here...!!?
Why did they hold a workshop when they can't handle their own trouble, dammit!!
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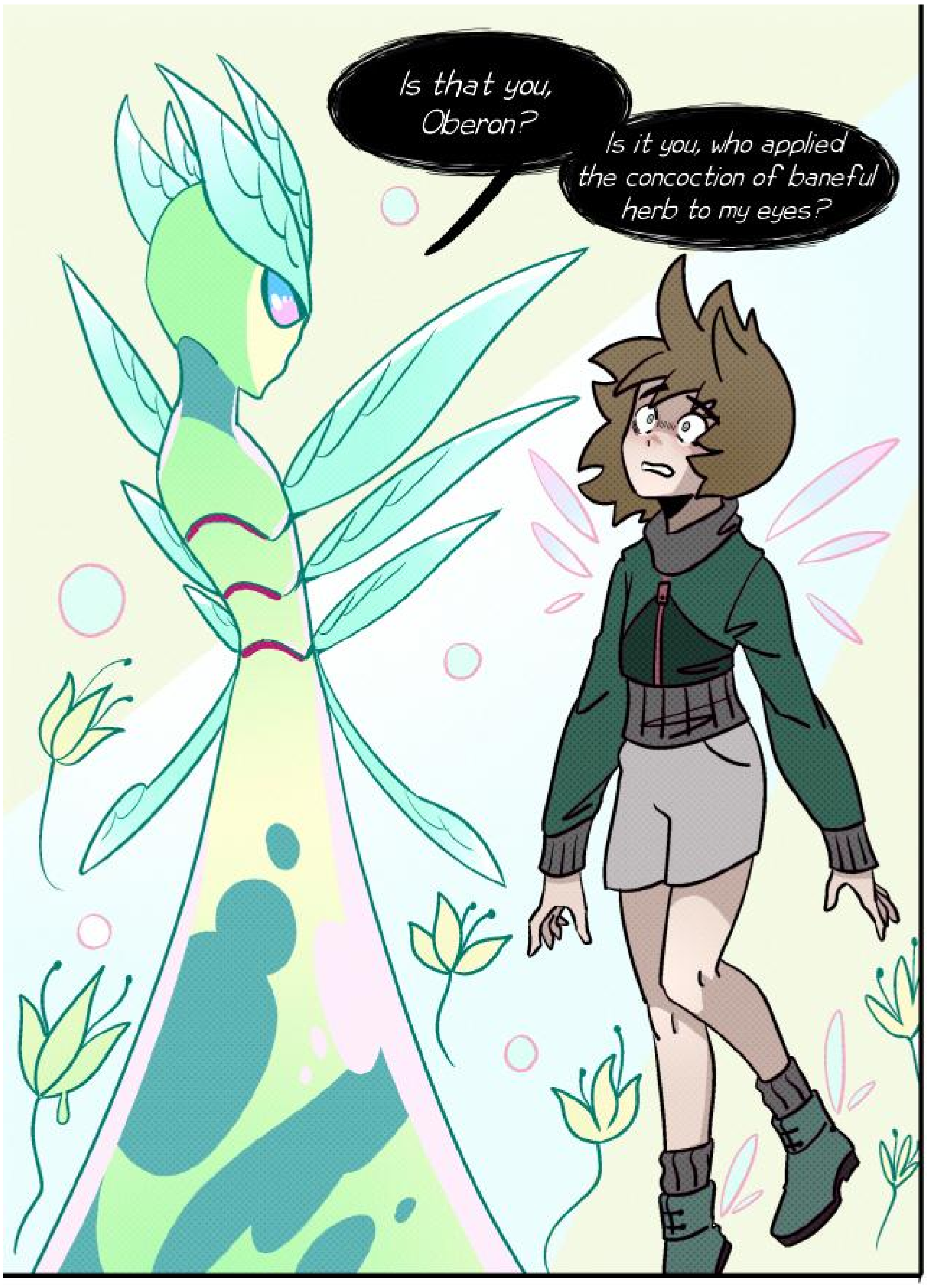
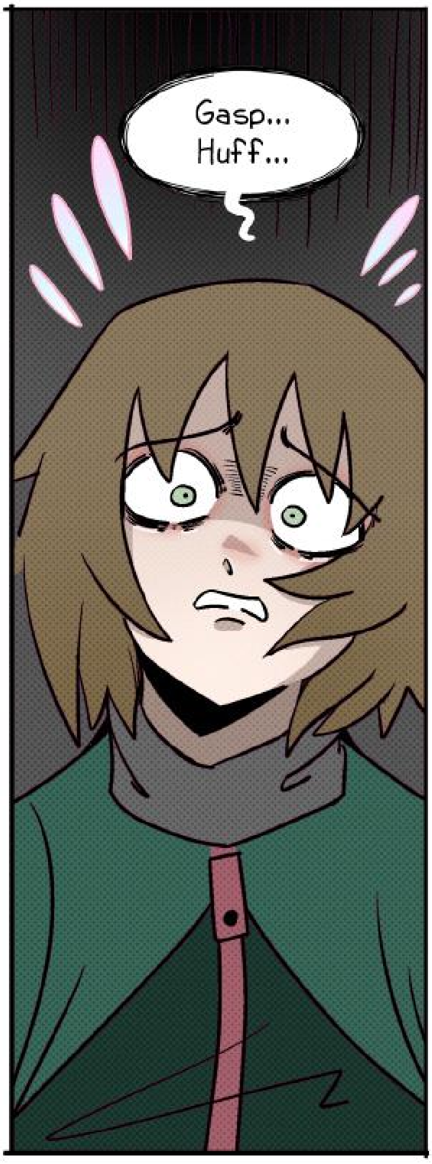
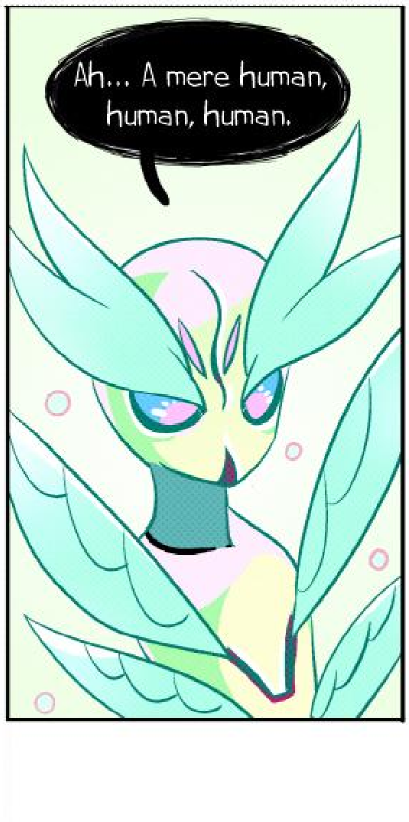
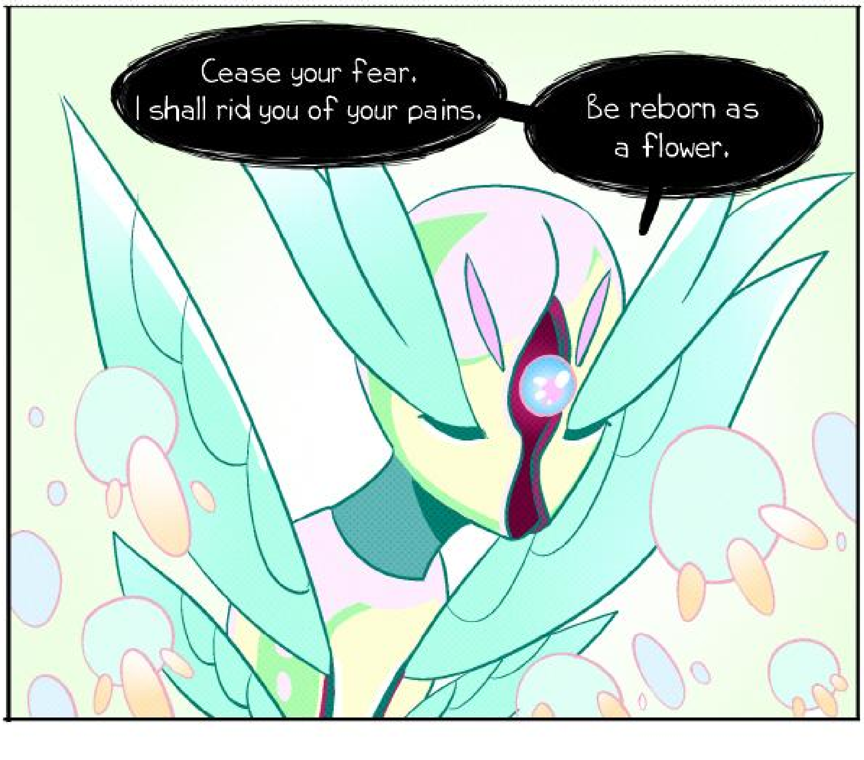
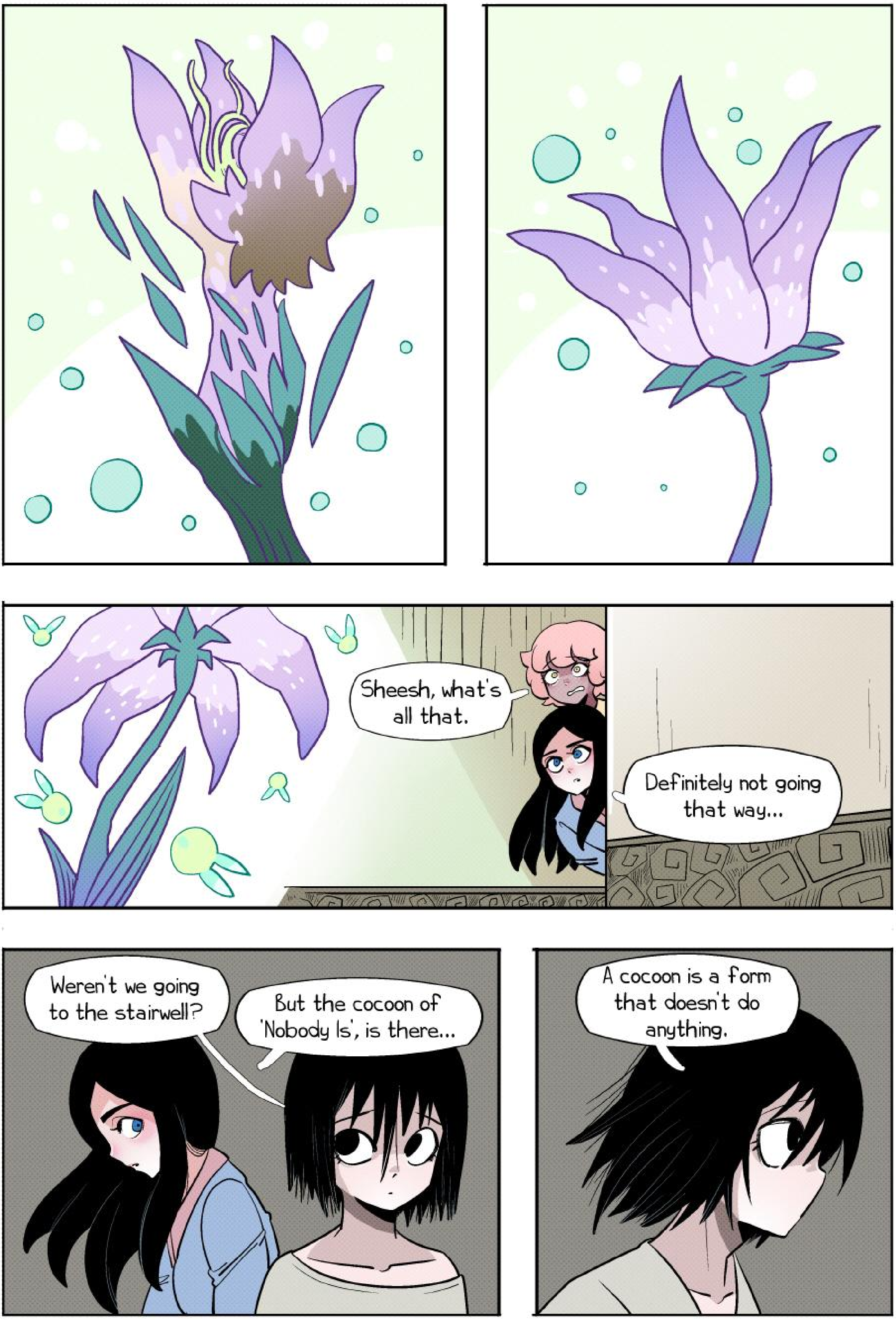
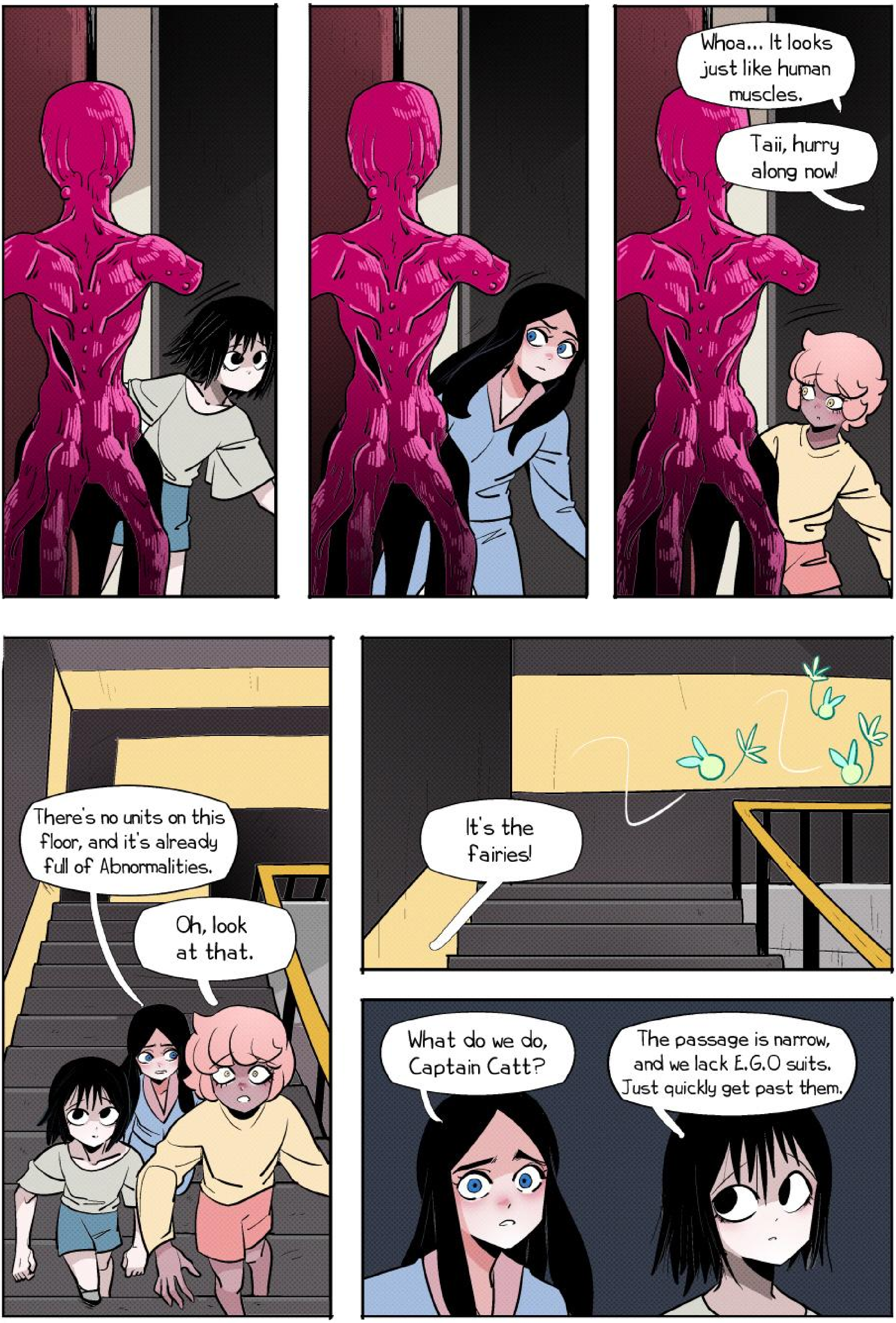

Is that you, Oberon?
Is it you, who applied the concoction of baneful herb to my eyes?

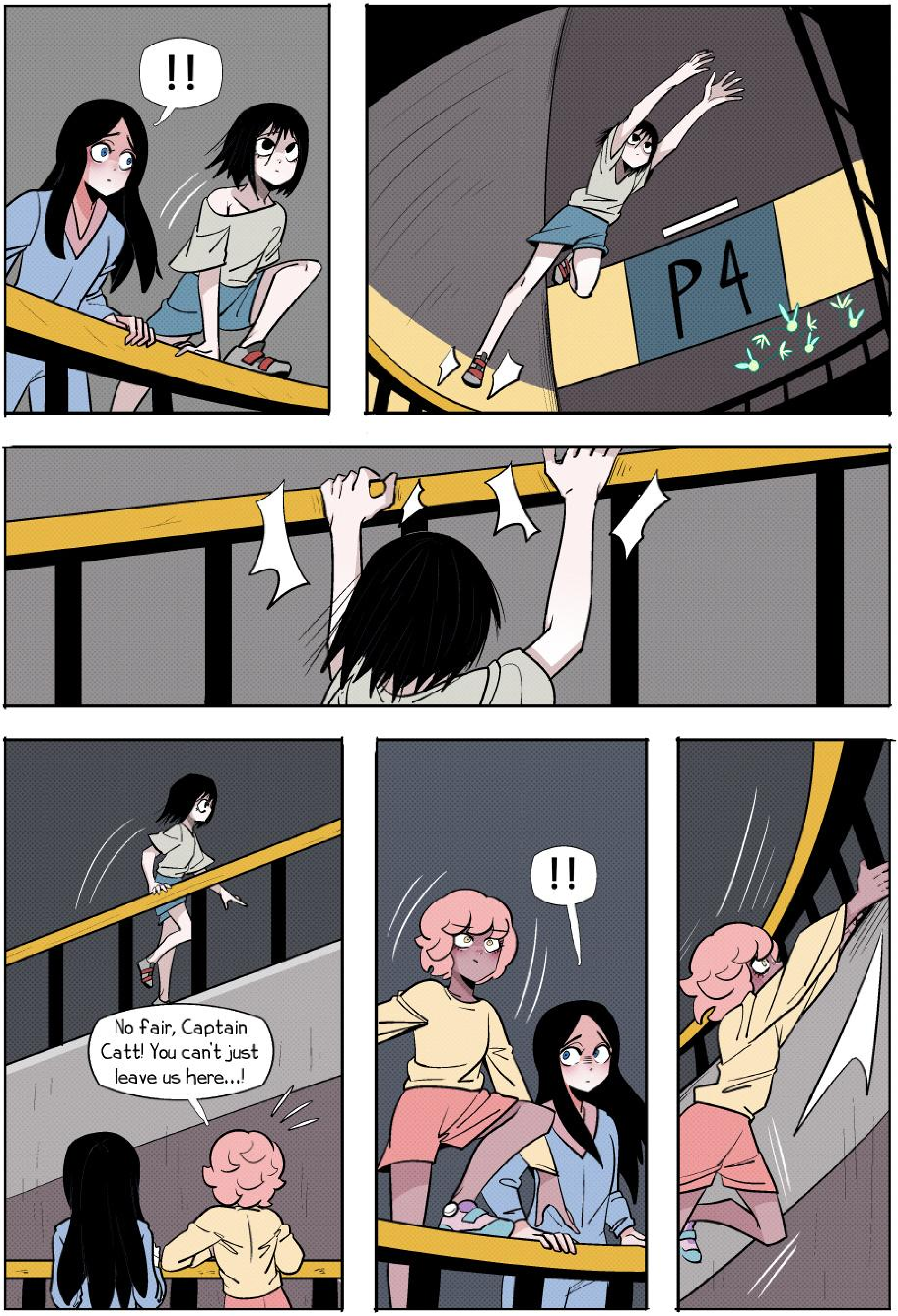

Gasp... Huff...


Ah... A mere human, human, human.


Cease your fear. I shall rid you of your pains.
Be reborn as a flower.


Sheesh, what's all that.
Definitely not going that way...
Weren't we going to the stairwell?
But the cocoon of 'Nobody Is', is there...
A cocoon is a form that doesn't do anything.


Whoa... It looks just like human muscles.
Taii, hurry along now!
There's no units on this floor, and it's already full of Abnormalities.
Oh, look at that.
It's the fairies!
What do we do, Captain Catt?
The passage is narrow, and we lack E.G.O suits. Just quickly get past them.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No fair, Captain Catt! You can't just leave us here...!
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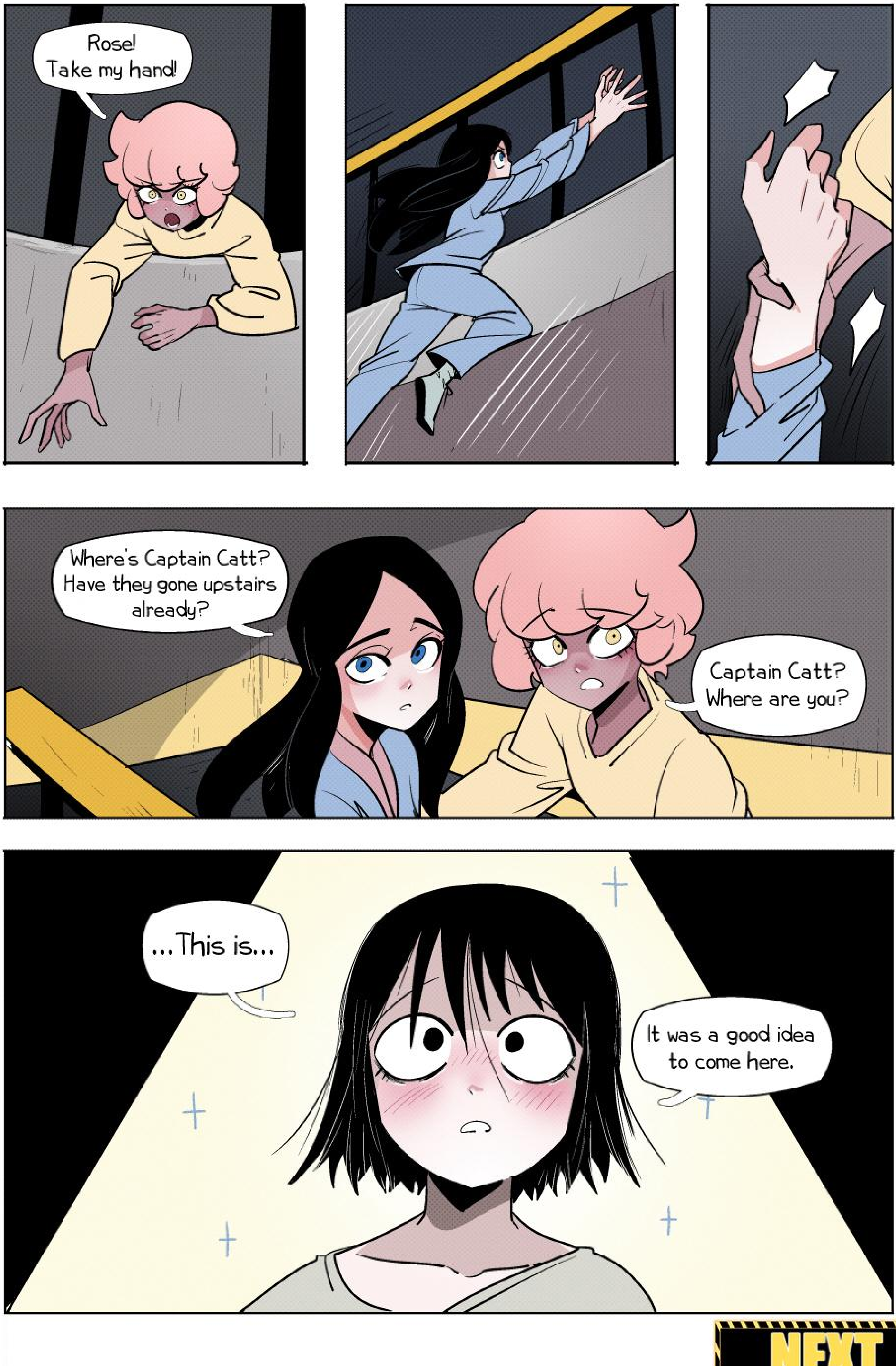
Rose!
Take my hand!
Where's Captain Catt? Have they gone upstairs already?
Captain Catt? Where are you?
...This is...
It was a good idea to come here.

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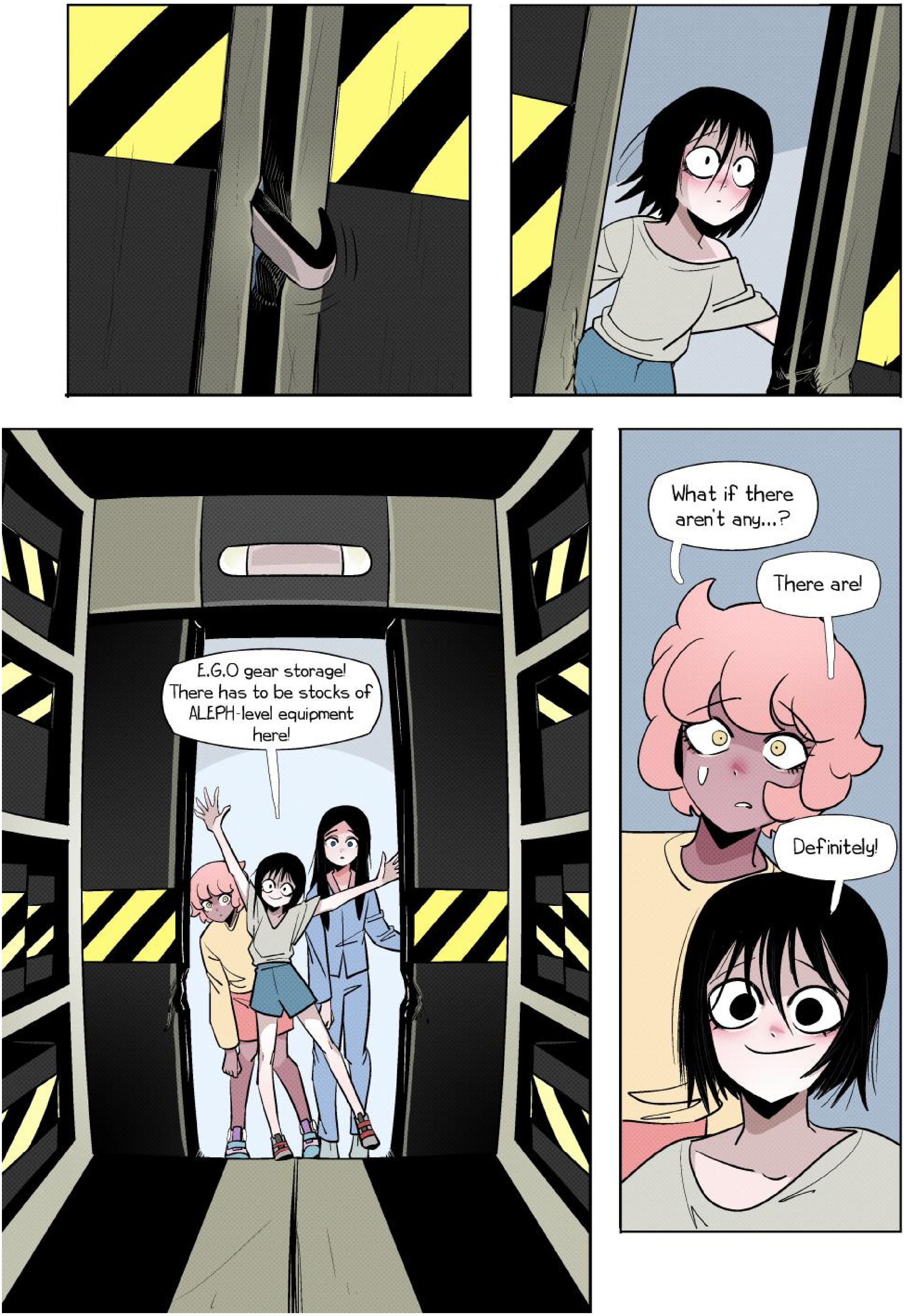
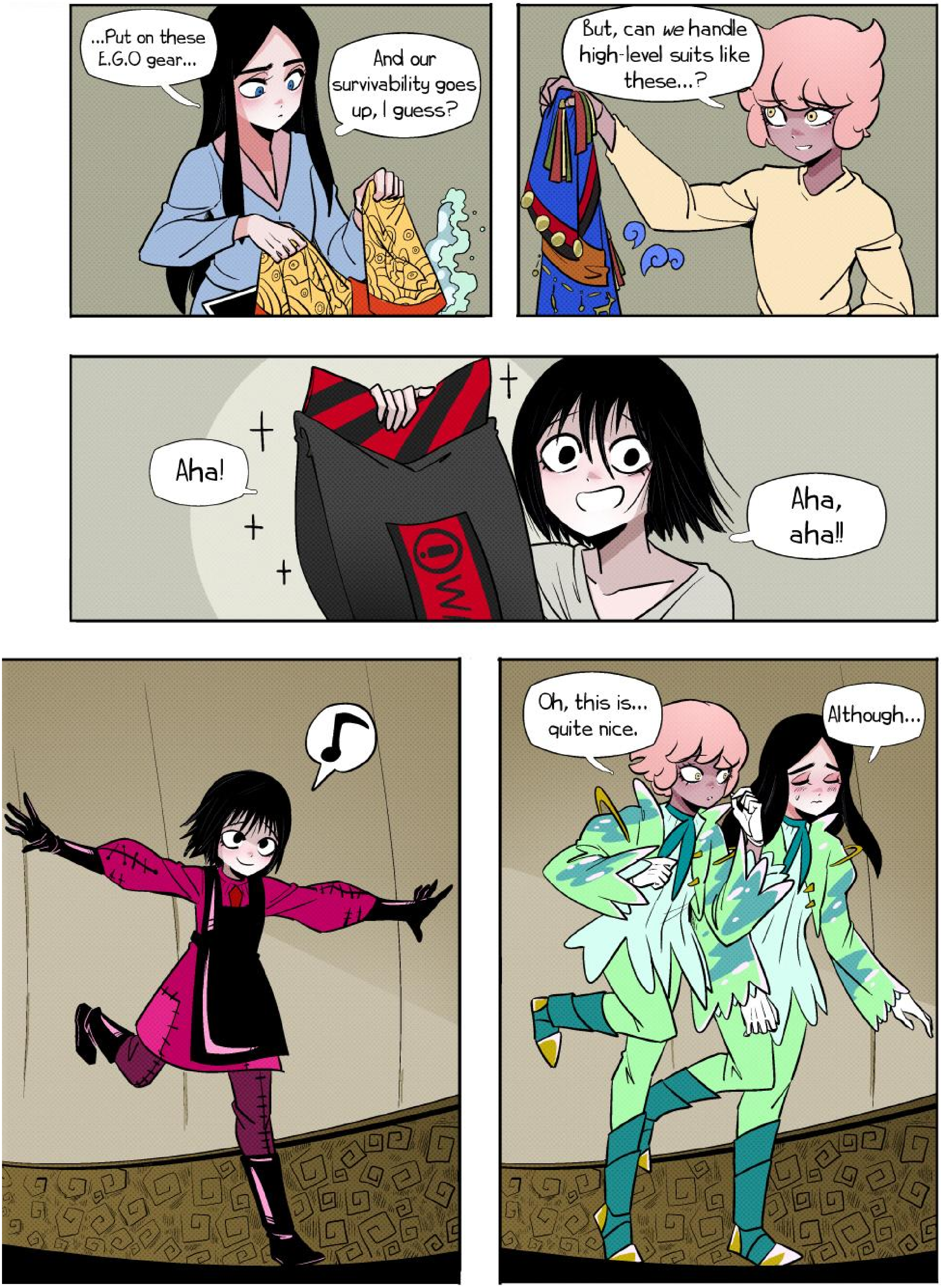

E.G.O gear storage! There has to be stocks of ALEPH-level equipment here!
What if there aren't any...?
There are!
Definitely!


...Put on these E.G.O gear...
And our survivability goes up, I guess?
But, can *we* handle high-level suits like these...?
Aha!
Aha, aha!!
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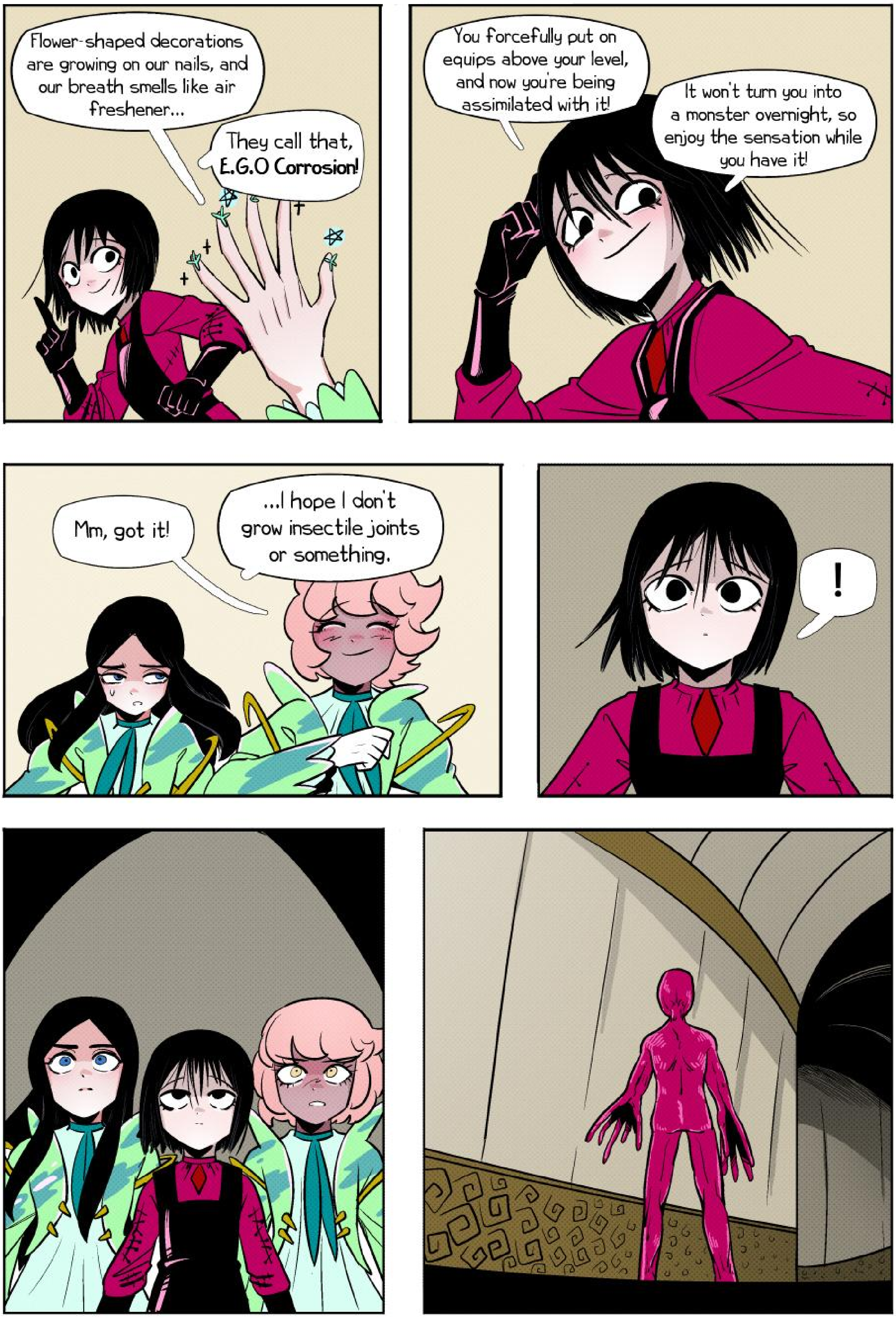
Oh, this is... quite nice.
Although...


Flower-shaped decorations are growing on our nails, and our breath smells like air freshener...
They call that, **E.G.O Corrosion!**
You forcefully put on equips above your level, and now you're being assimilated with it!
It won't turn you into a monster overnight, so enjoy the sensation while you have it!
Mm, got it!
...I hope I don't grow insectile joints or something.
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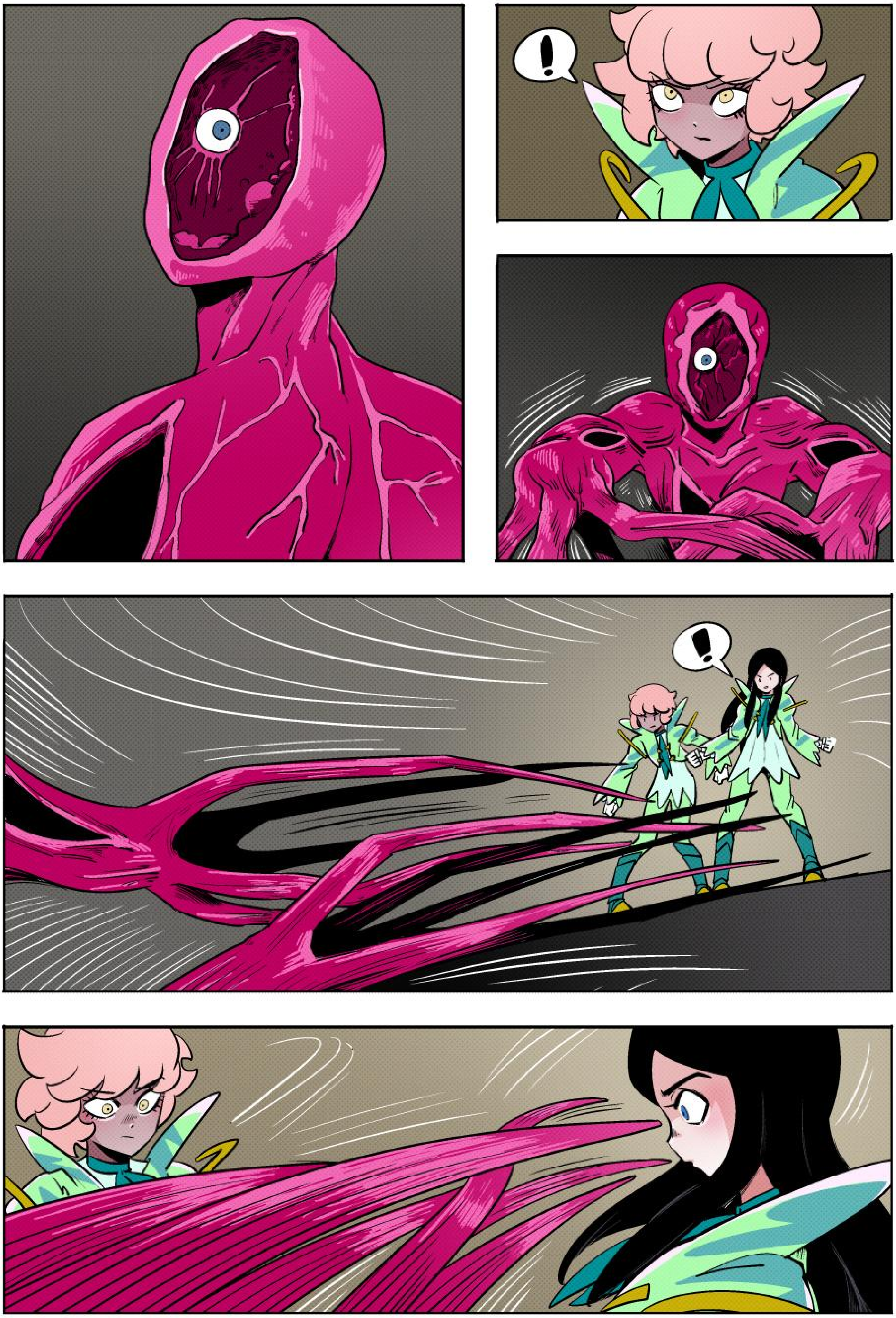
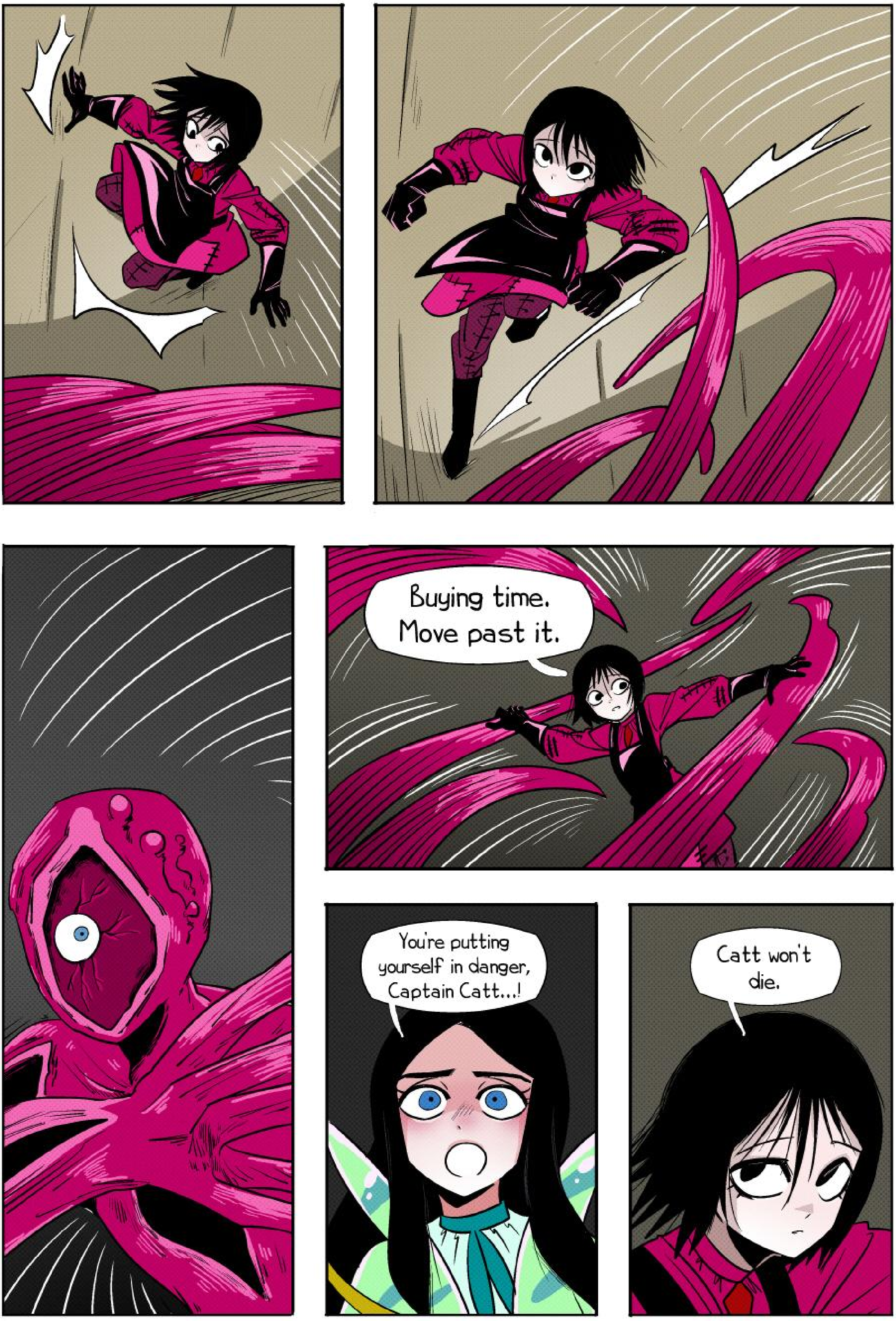
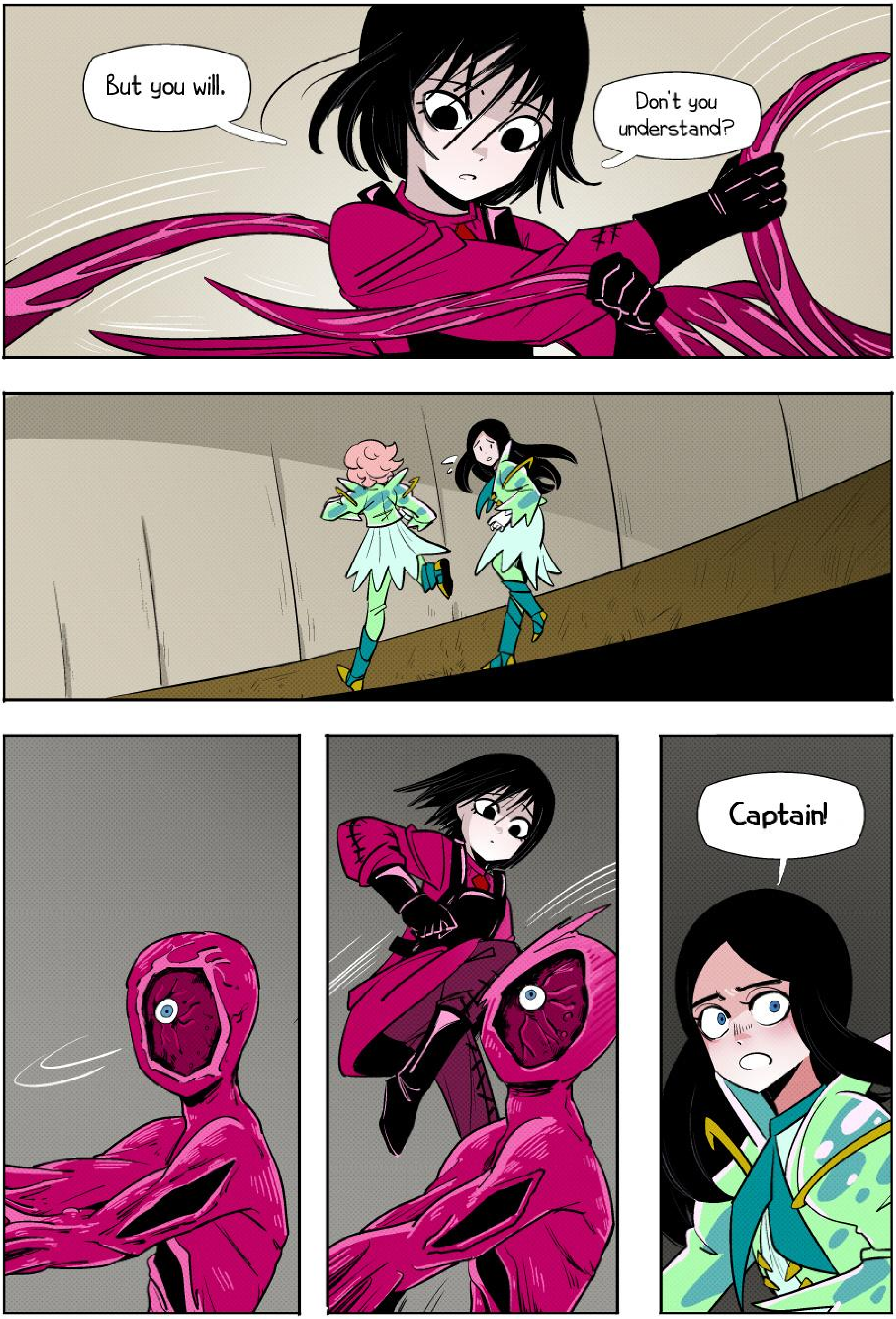
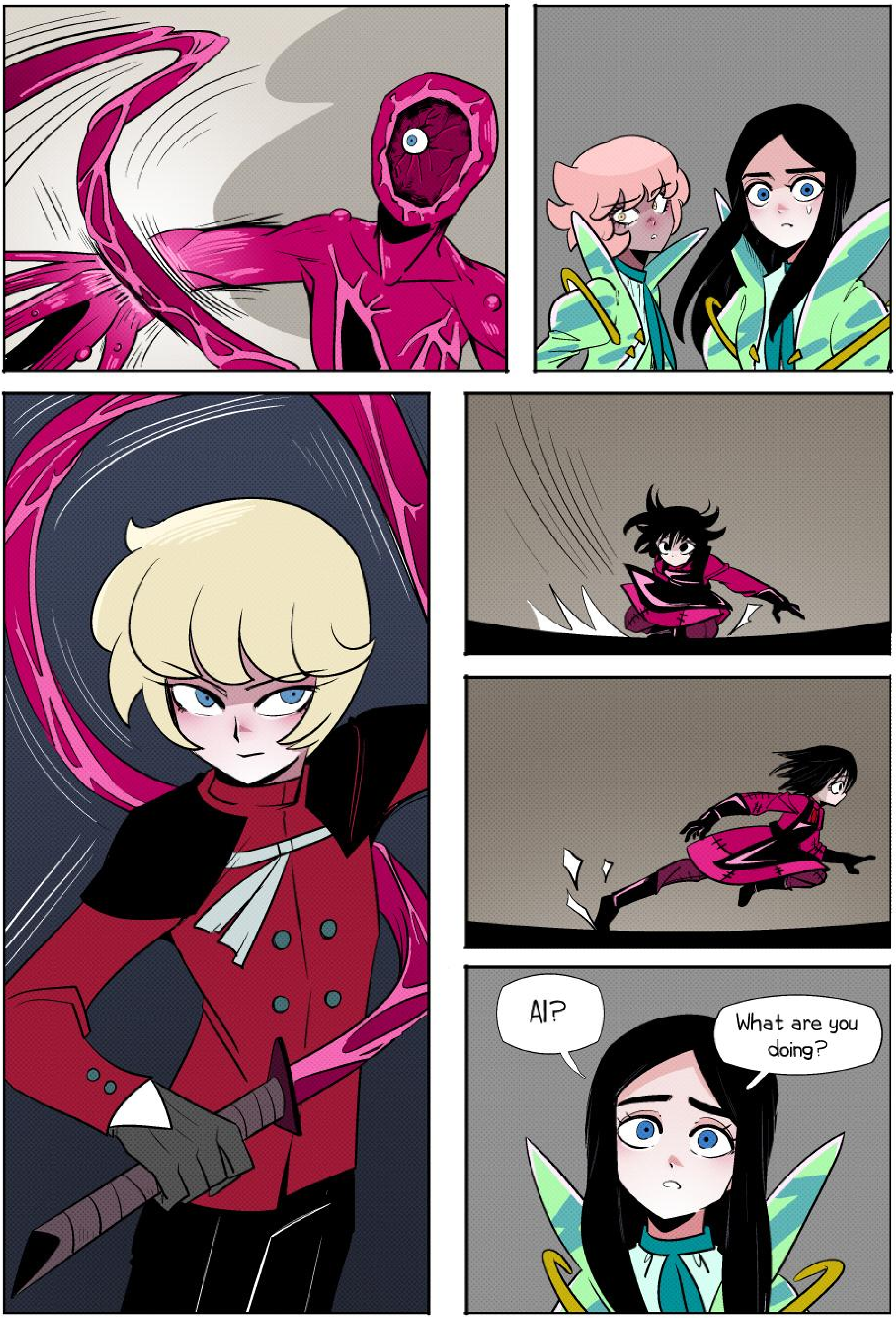
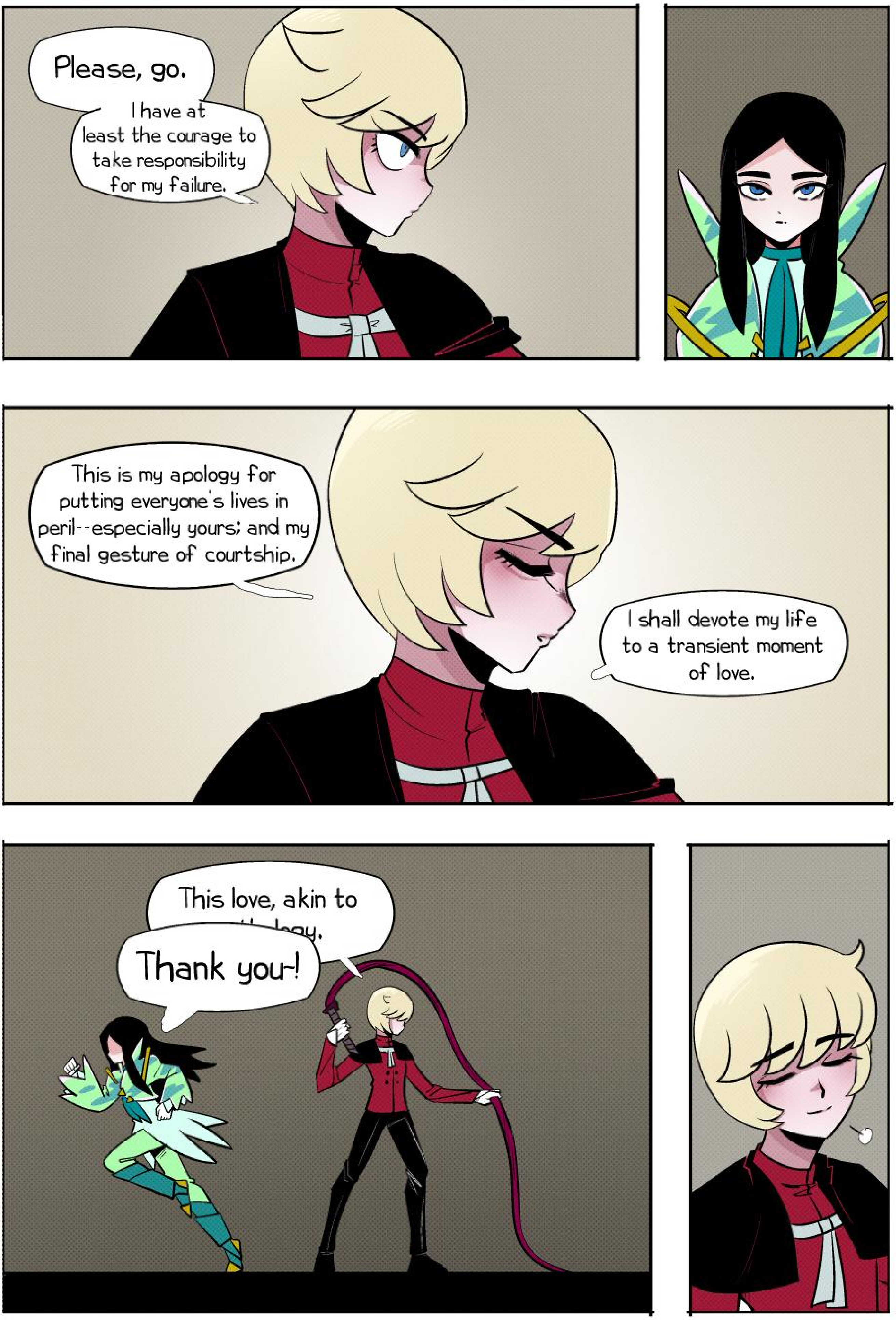
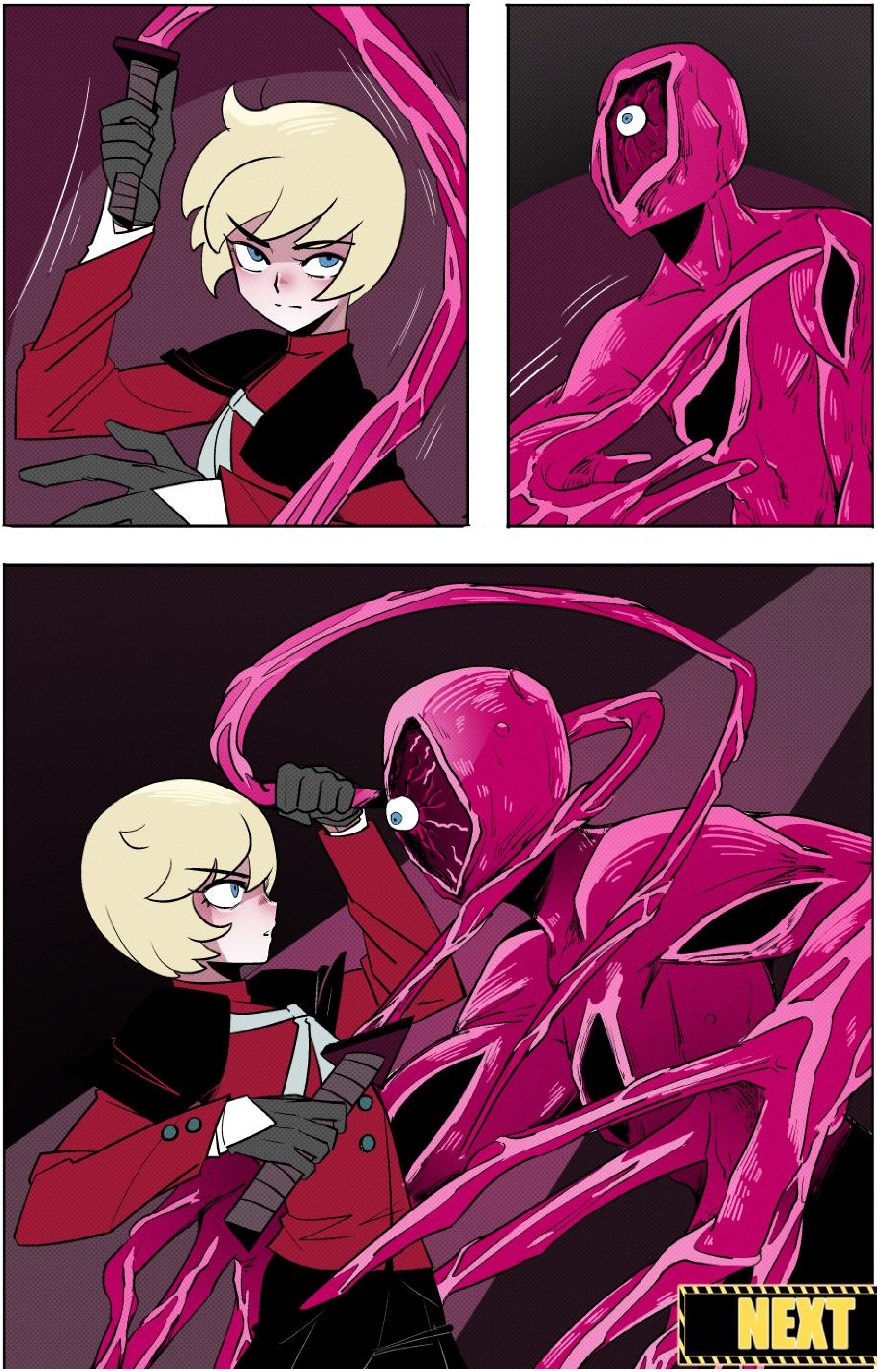



Buying time. Move past it.
You're putting yourself in danger, Captain Catt...!
Catt won't die.


But you will.
Don't you understand?
Captain!


Al?
What are you doing?


Please, go.
I have at least the courage to take responsibility for my failure.
This is my apology for putting everyone's lives in peril--especially yours; and my final gesture of courtship.
I shall devote my life to a transient moment of love.
This love, akin to logy.
Thank you-!



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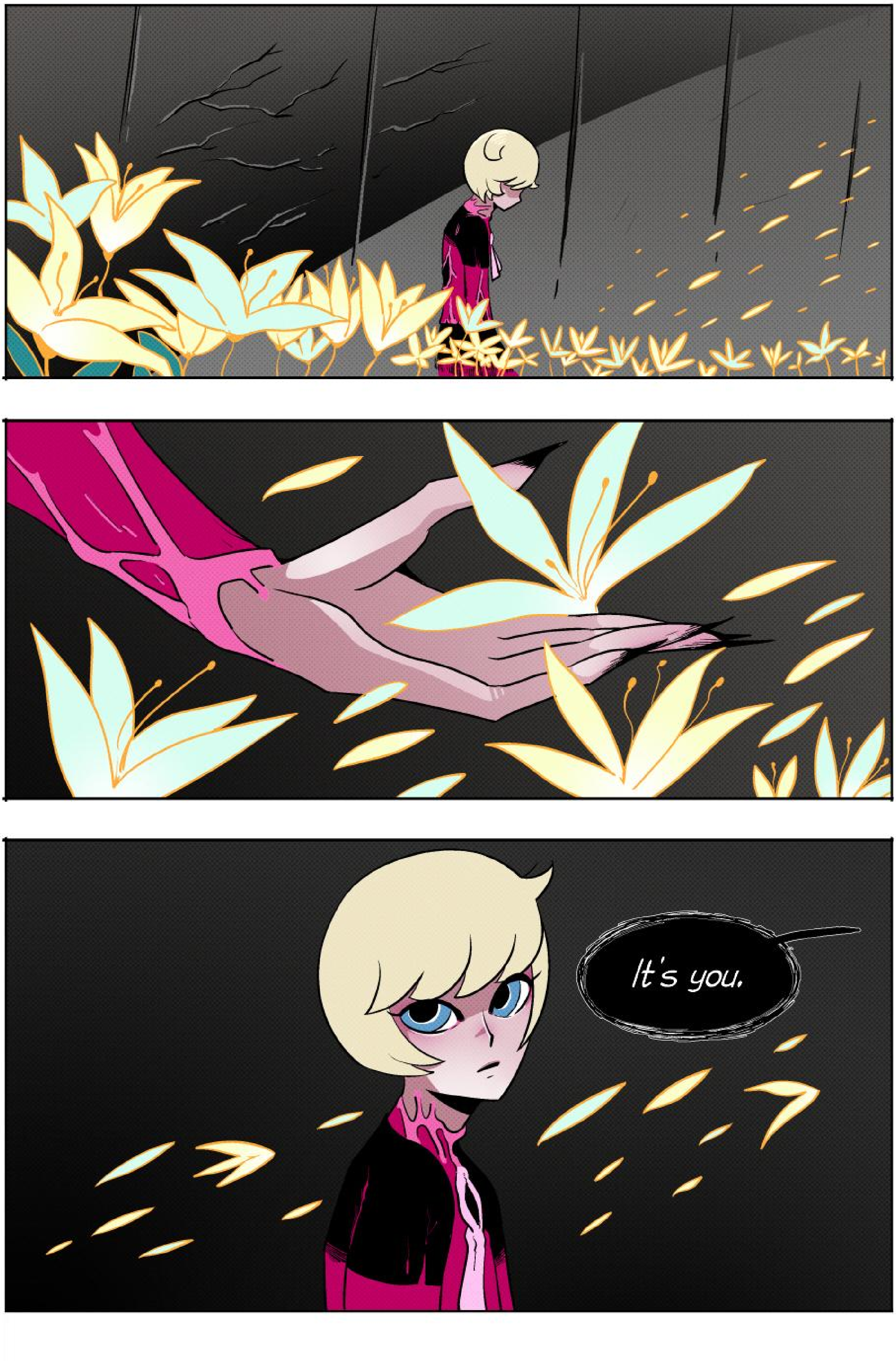
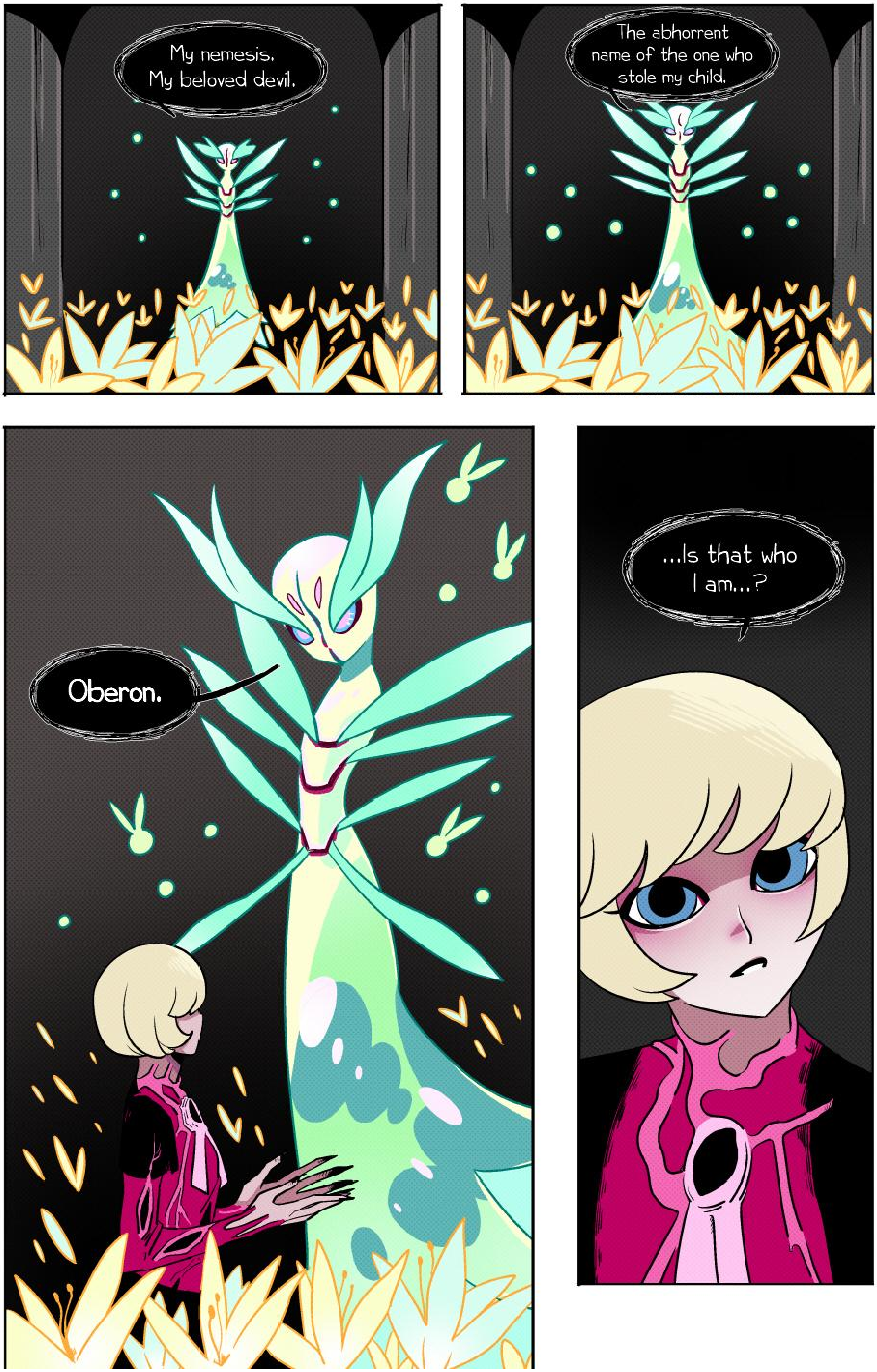
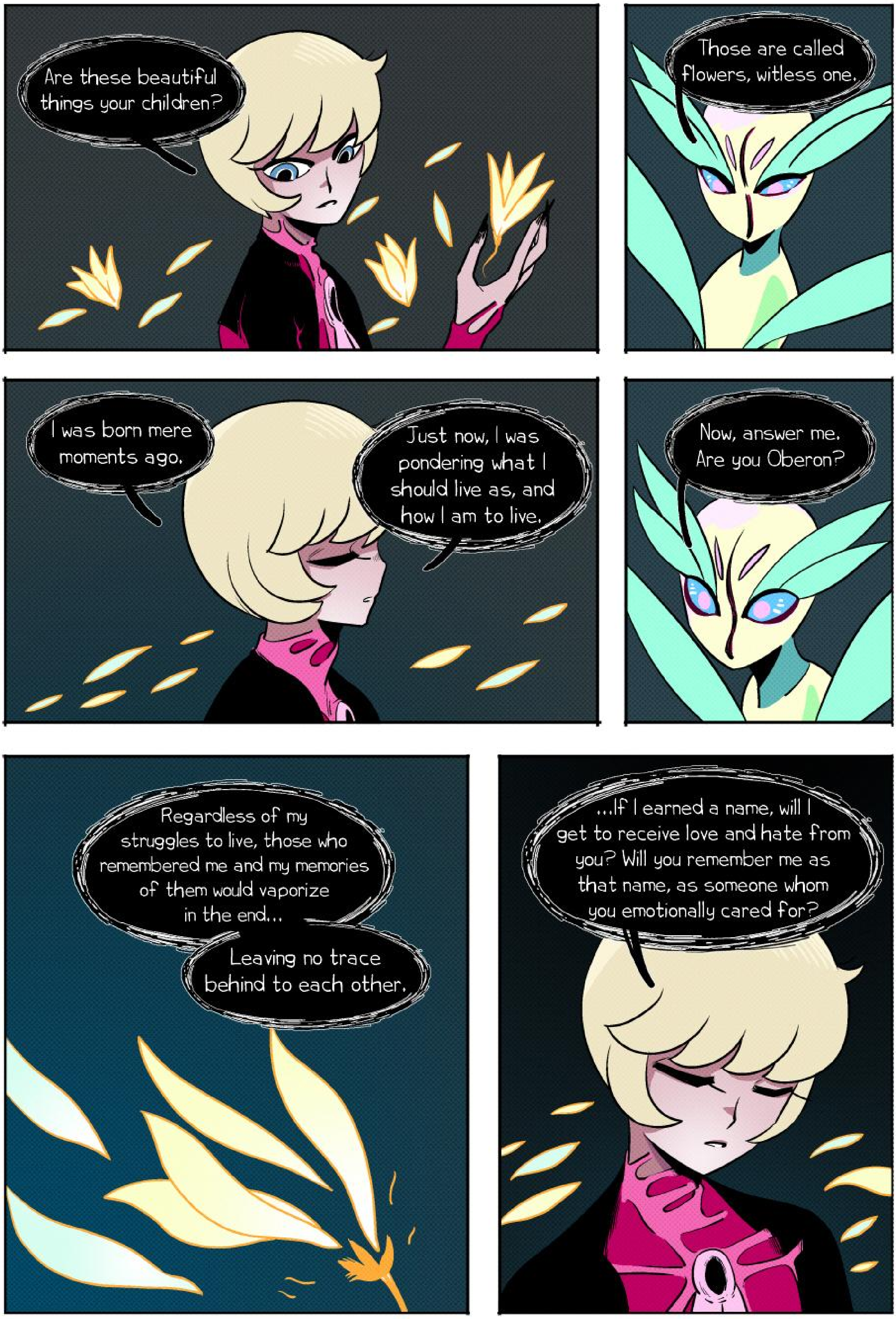
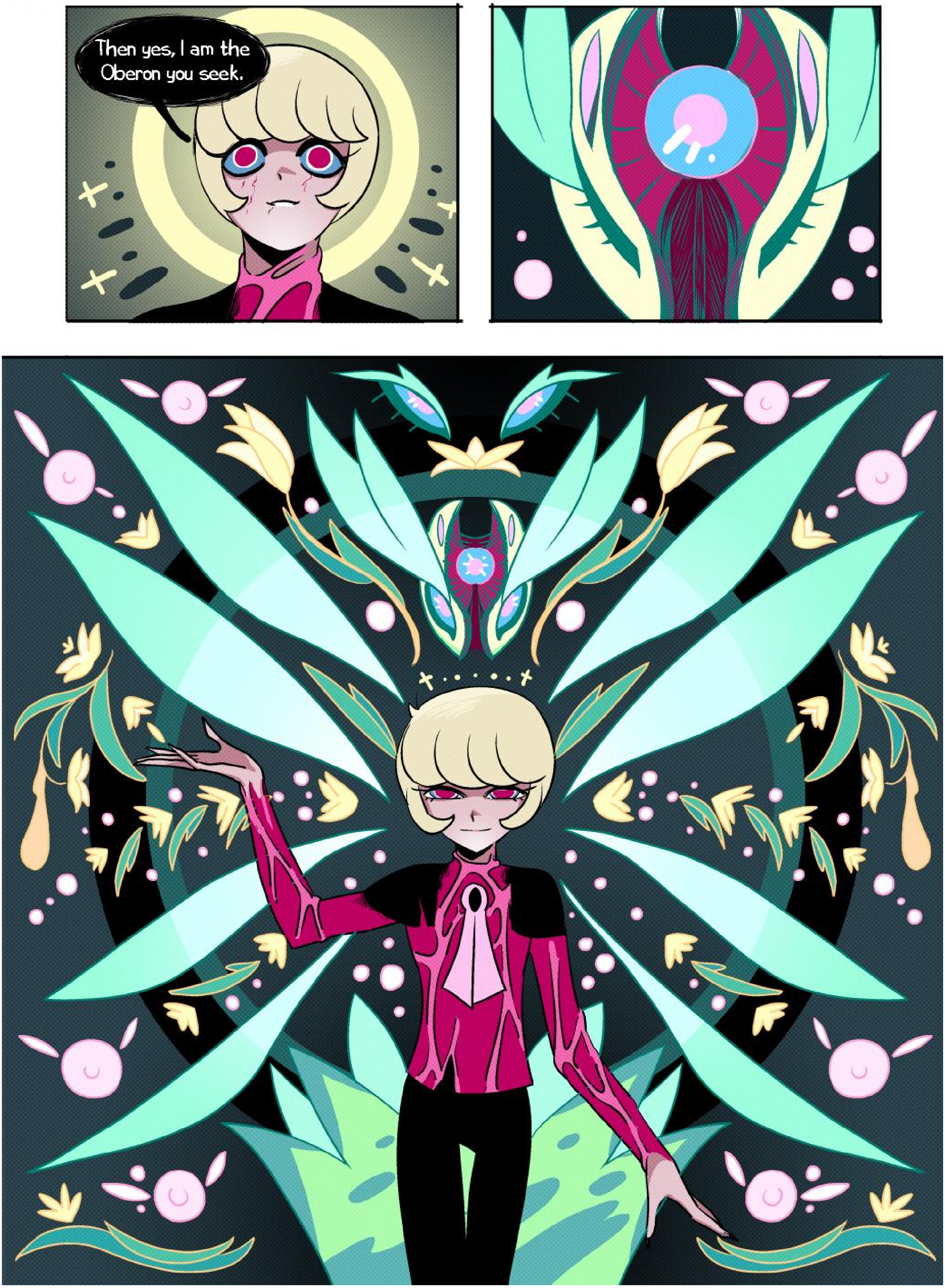
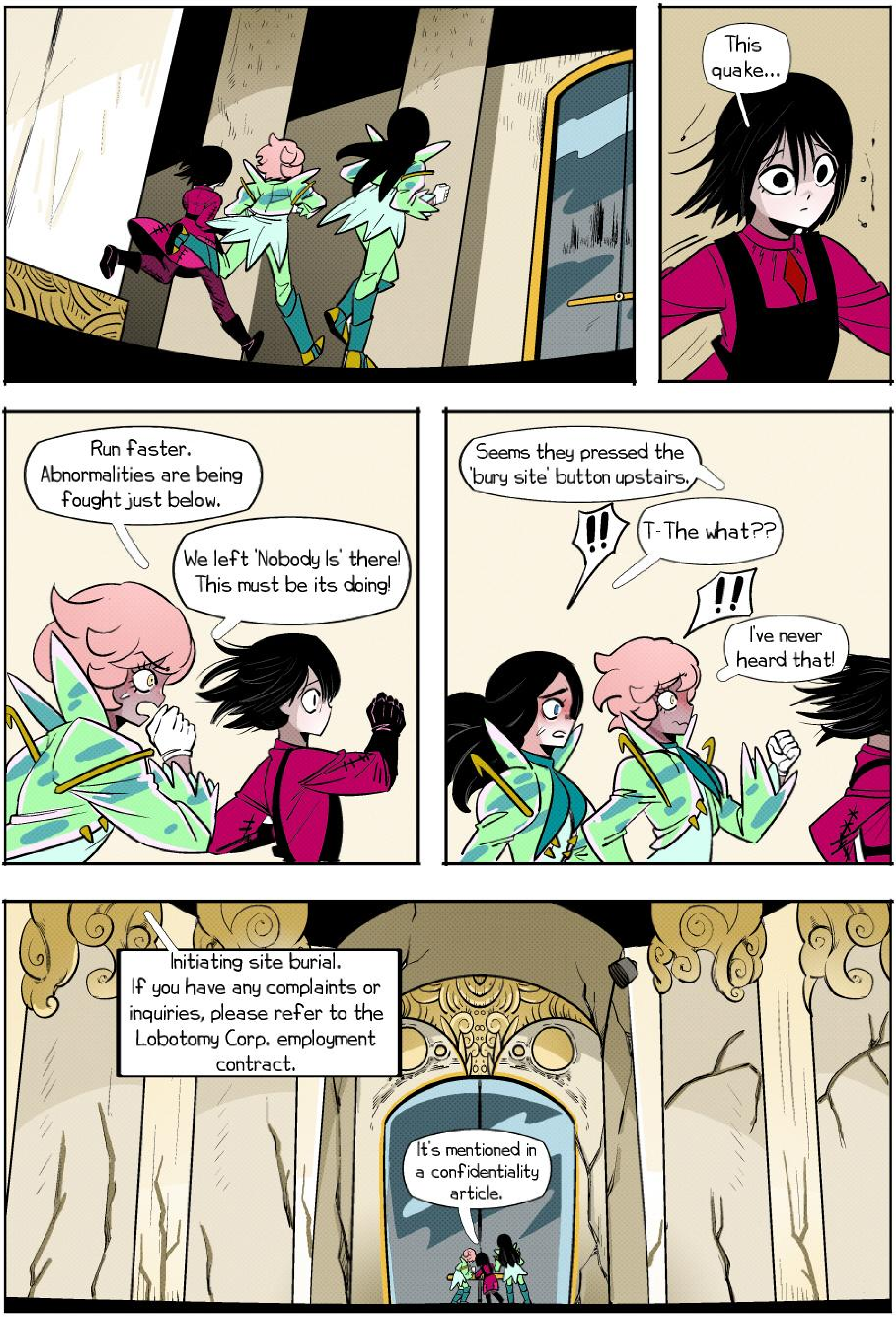

It's you.


My nemesis.
My beloved devil.
The abhorrent name of the one who stole my child.
Oberon.
...Is that who I am...?


Are these beautiful things your children?
Those are called flowers, witless one.
I was born mere moments ago.
Just now, I was pondering what I should live as, and how I am to live.
Now, answer me. Are you Oberon?
Regardless of my struggles to live, those who remembered me and my memories of them would vaporize in the end...
Leaving no trace behind to each other.
...If I earned a name, will I get to receive love and hate from you? Will you remember me as that name, as someone whom you emotionally cared for?


Then yes, I am the Oberon you seek.


This quake...
Run faster. Abnormalities are being fought just below.
We left 'Nobody Is' there! This must be its doing!
Seems they pressed the 'bury site' button upstairs.
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T-The what??
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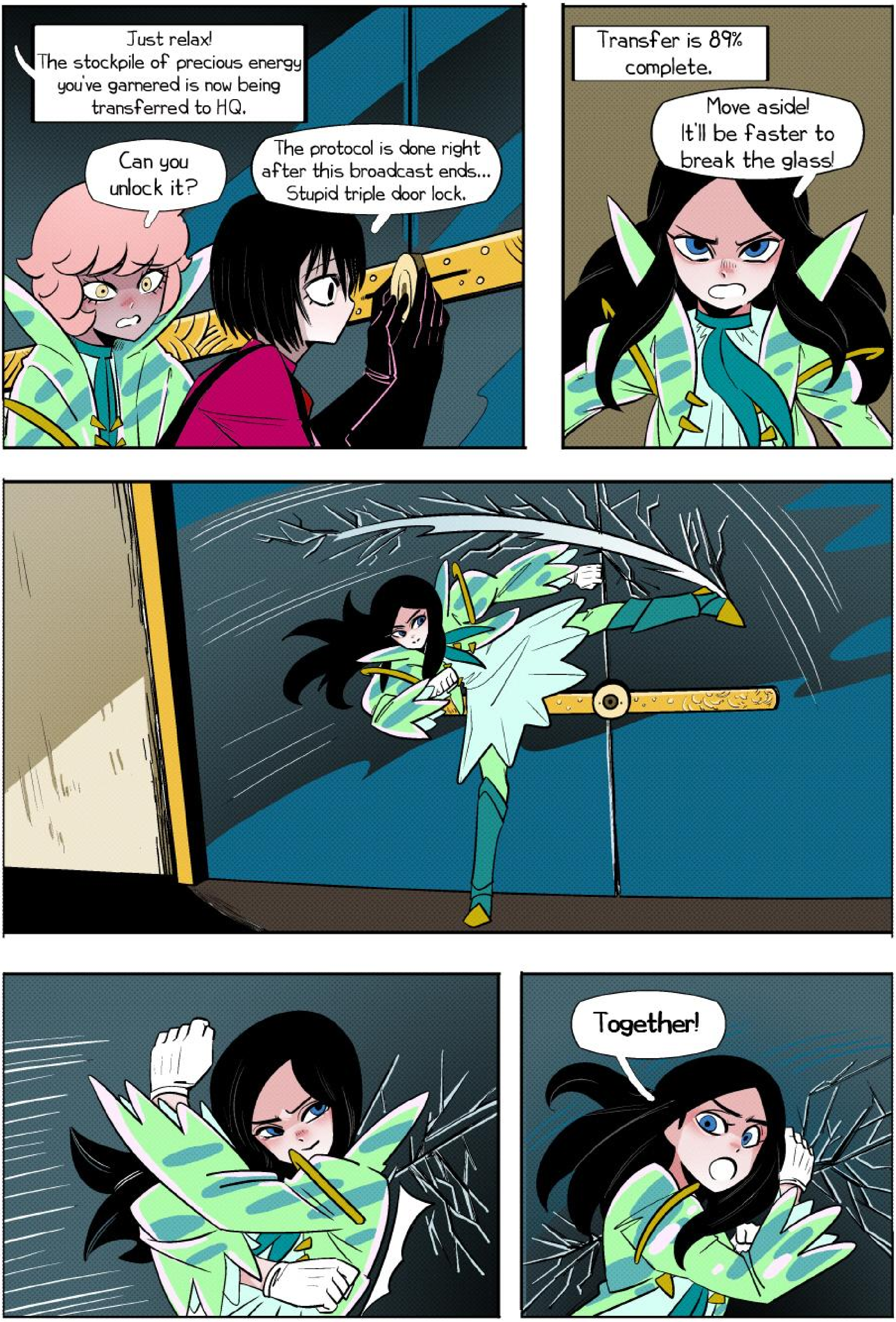
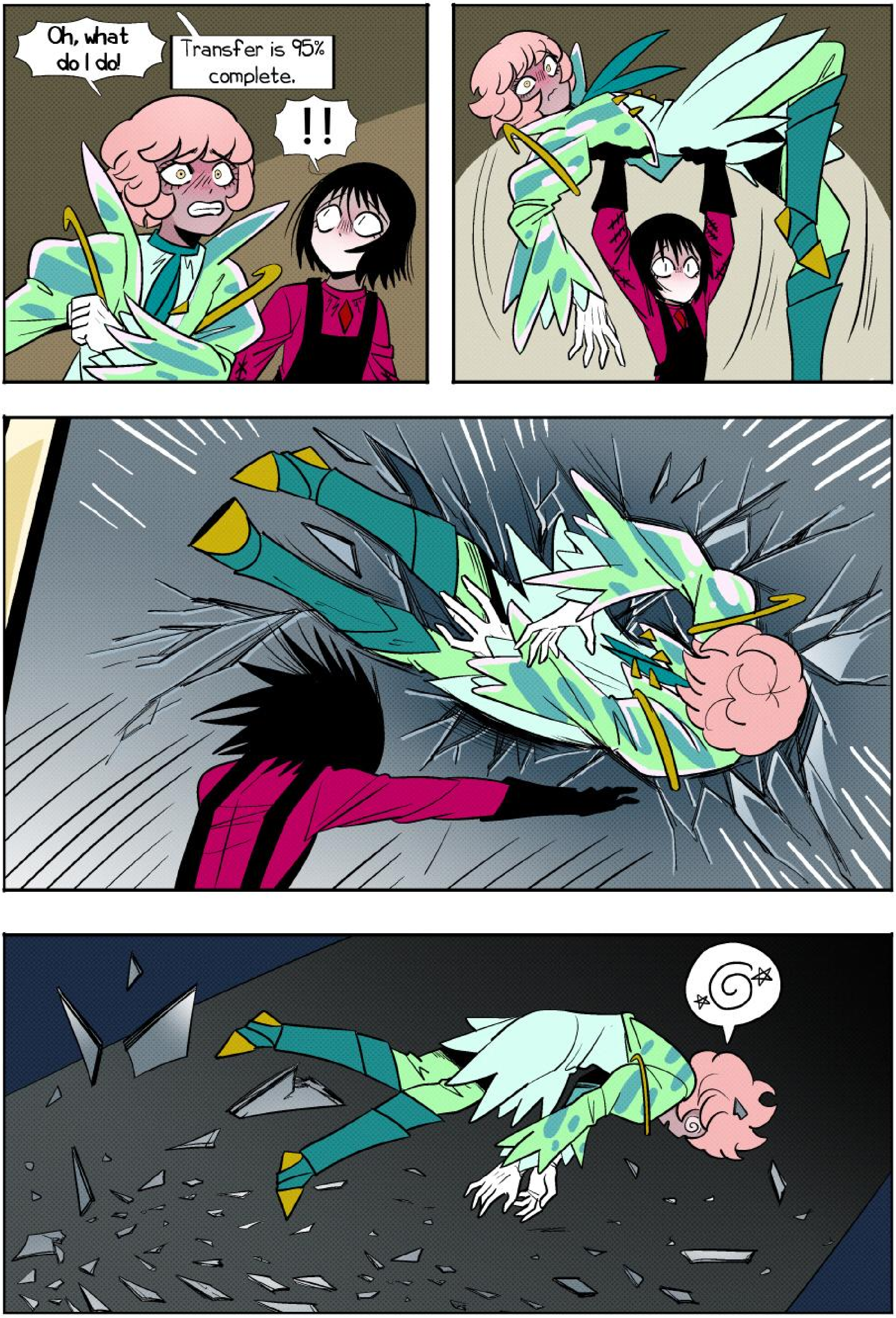
I've never heard that!
Initiating site burial. If you have any complaints or inquiries, please refer to the Lobotomy Corp. employment contract.
It's mentioned in a confidentiality article.


Just relax! The stockpile of precious energy you've garnered is now being transferred to HQ.
Can you unlock it?
The protocol is done right after this broadcast ends... Stupid triple door lock.
Transfer is 89% complete.
Move aside! It'll be faster to break the glass!
Together!


Oh, what do I do!
Transfer is 95% complete.
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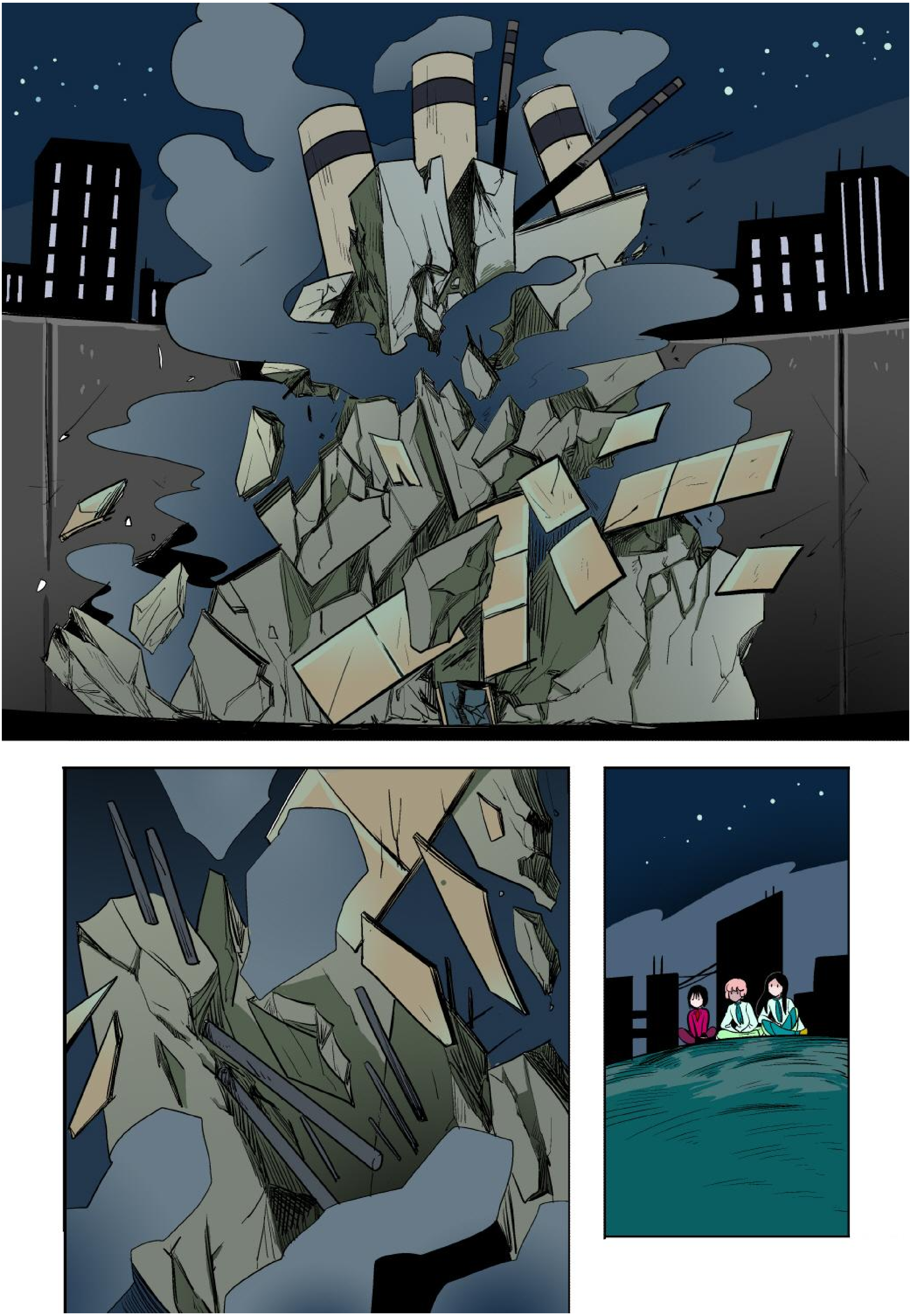

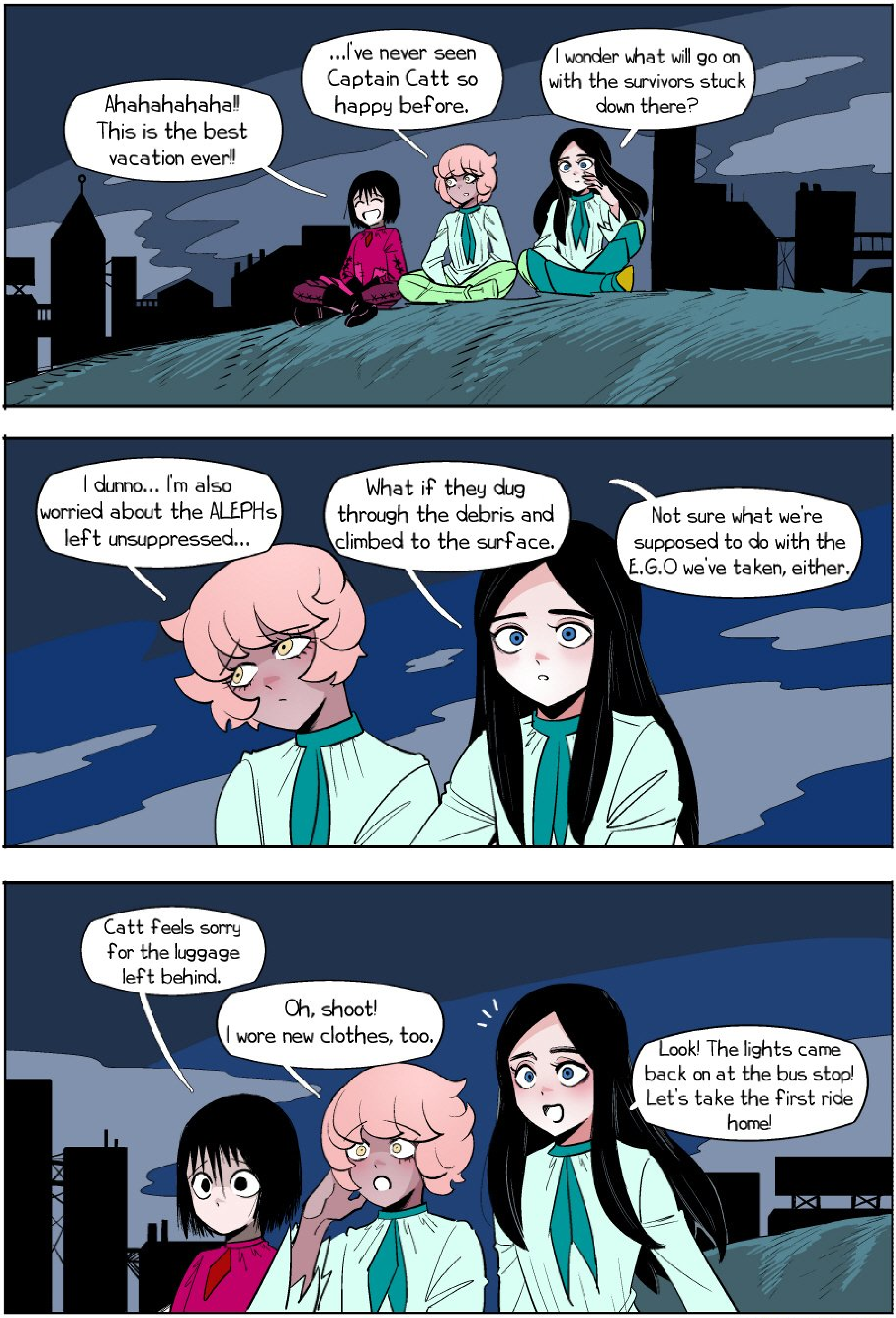
Ahahahahaha!! This is the best vacation ever!!
...I've never seen Captain Catt so happy before.
I wonder what will go on with the survivors stuck down there?
I dunno... I'm also worried about the ALEPHs left unsuppressed...
What if they dug through the debris and climbed to the surface.
Not sure what we're supposed to do with the E.G.O we've taken, either.
Catt feels sorry for the luggage left behind.
Oh, shoot! I wore new clothes, too.
Look! The lights came back on at the bus stop! Let's take the first ride home!

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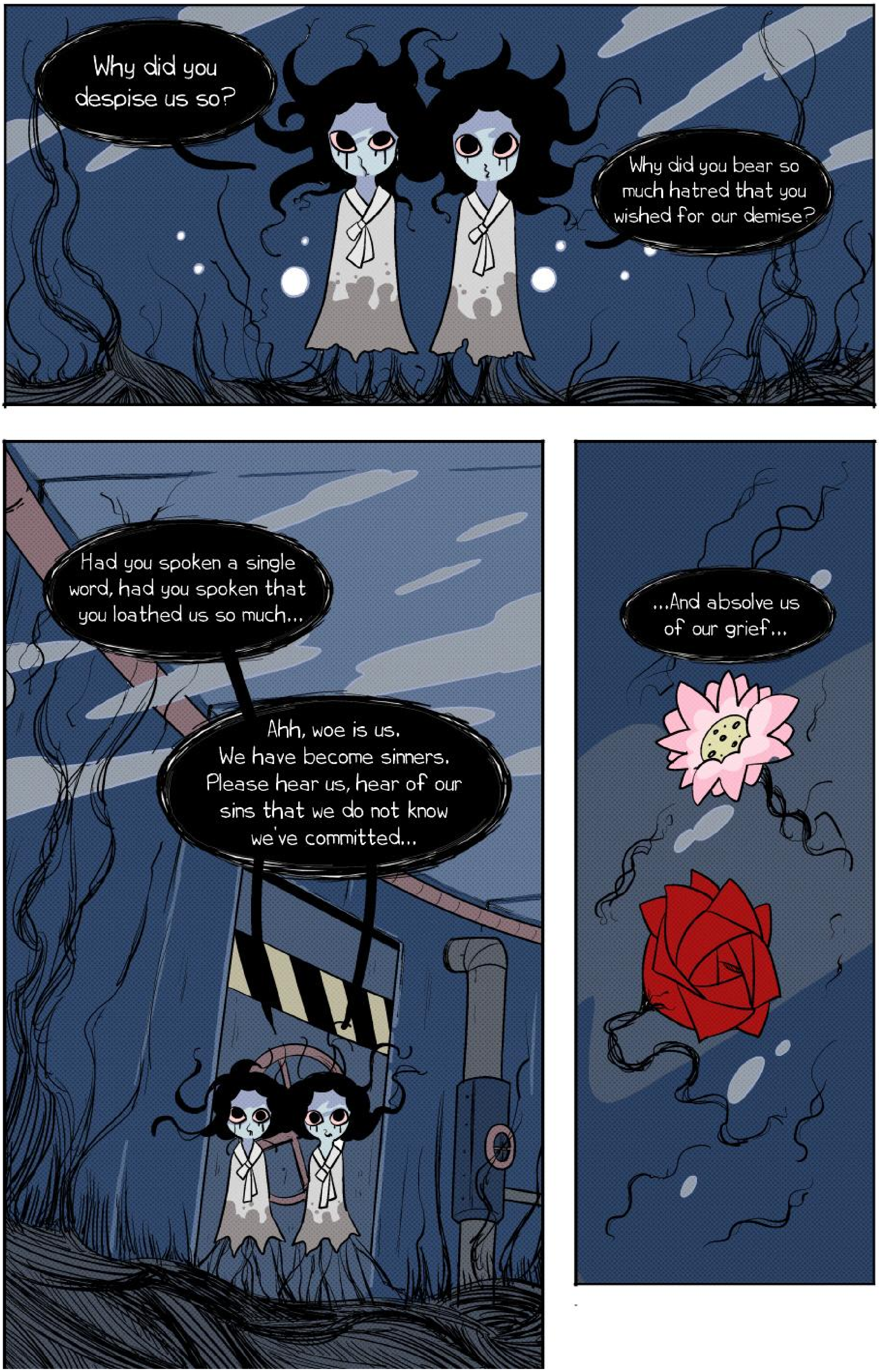
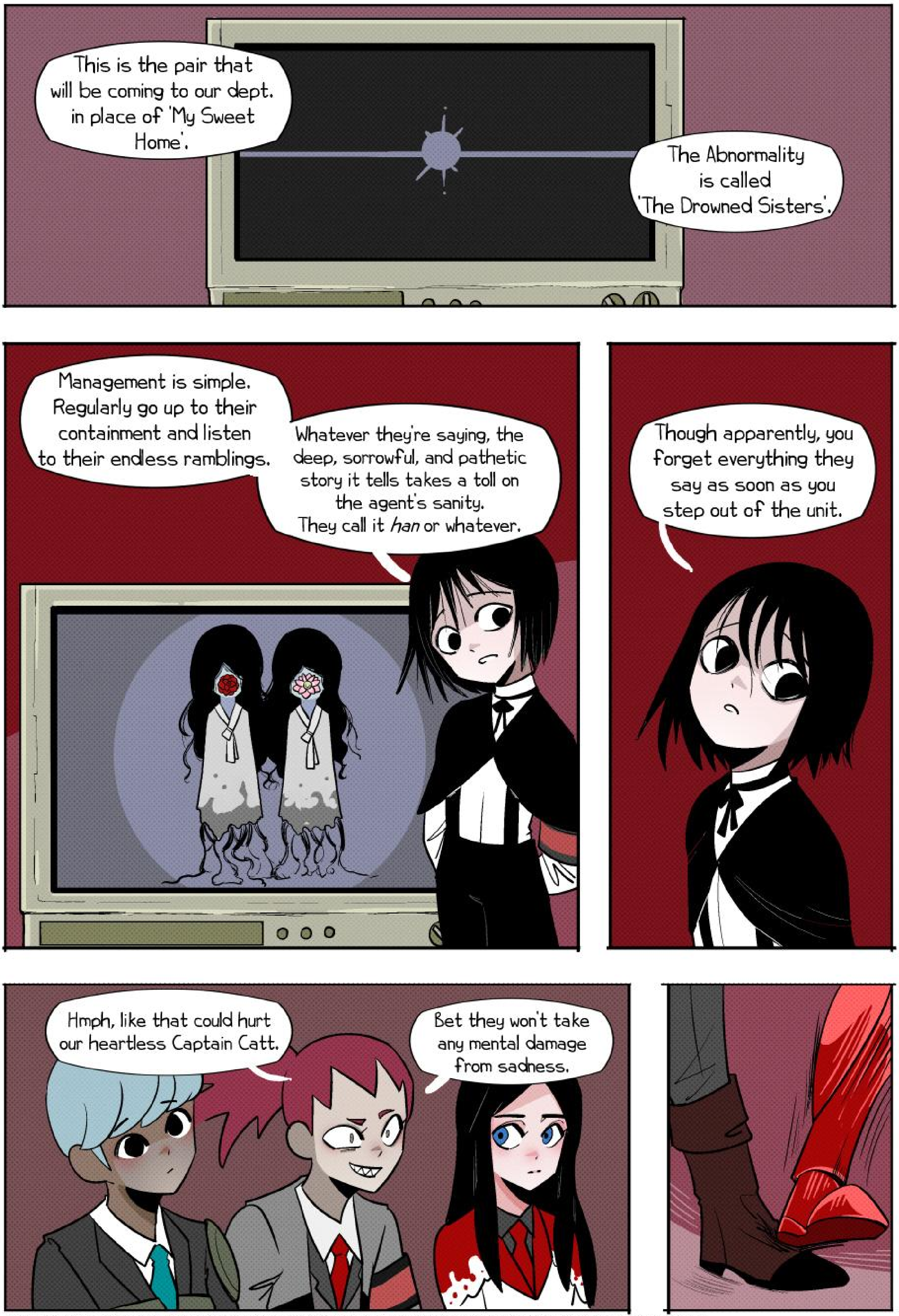
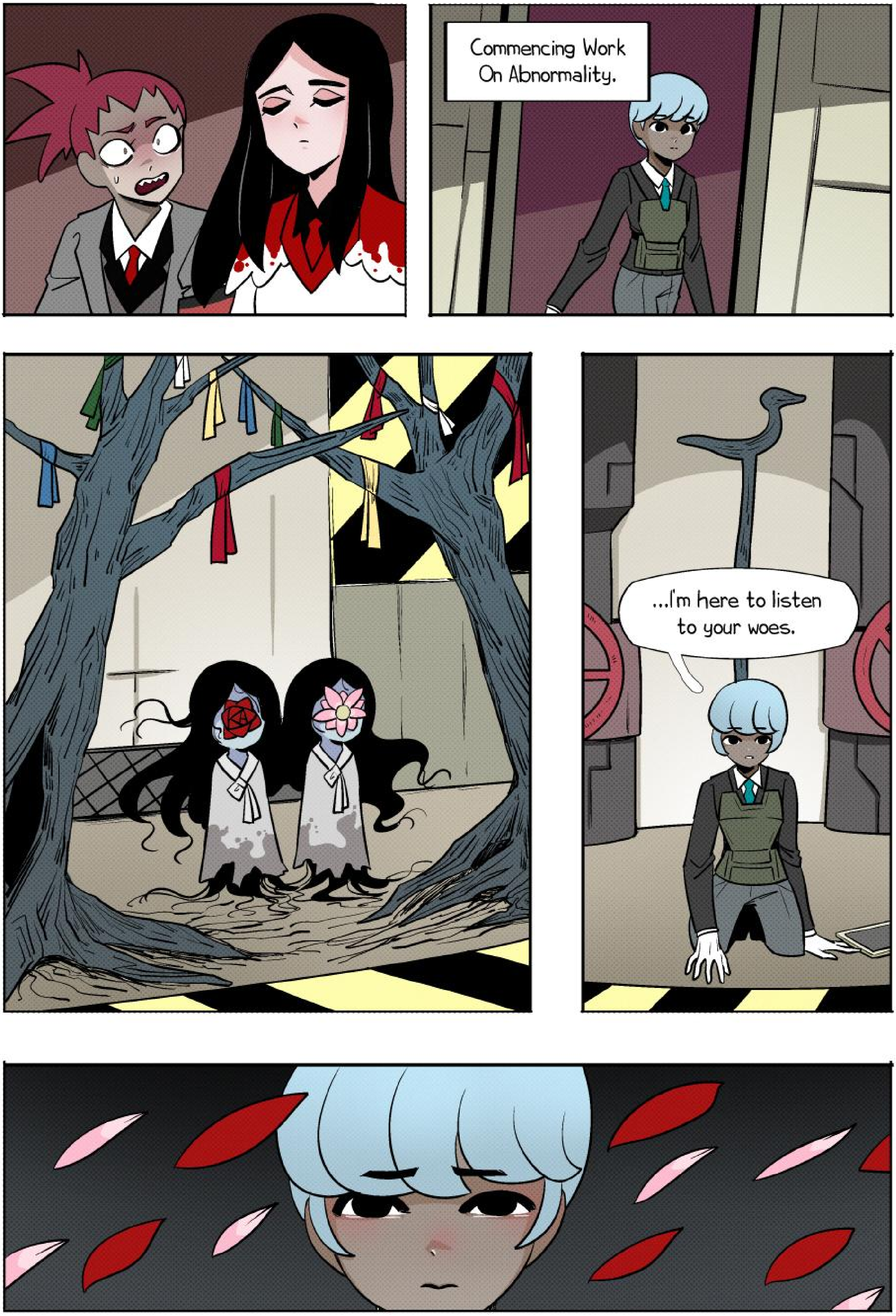
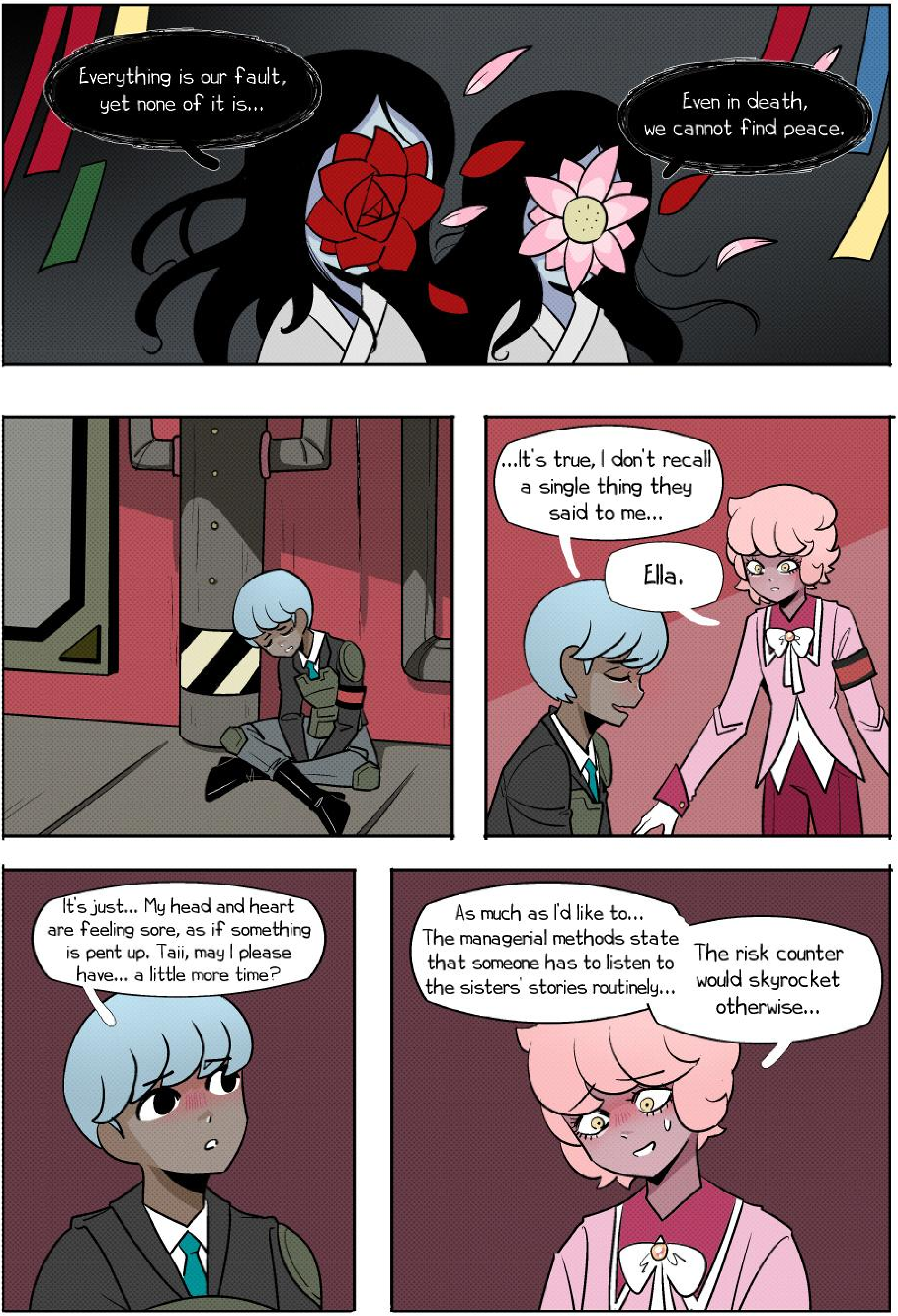
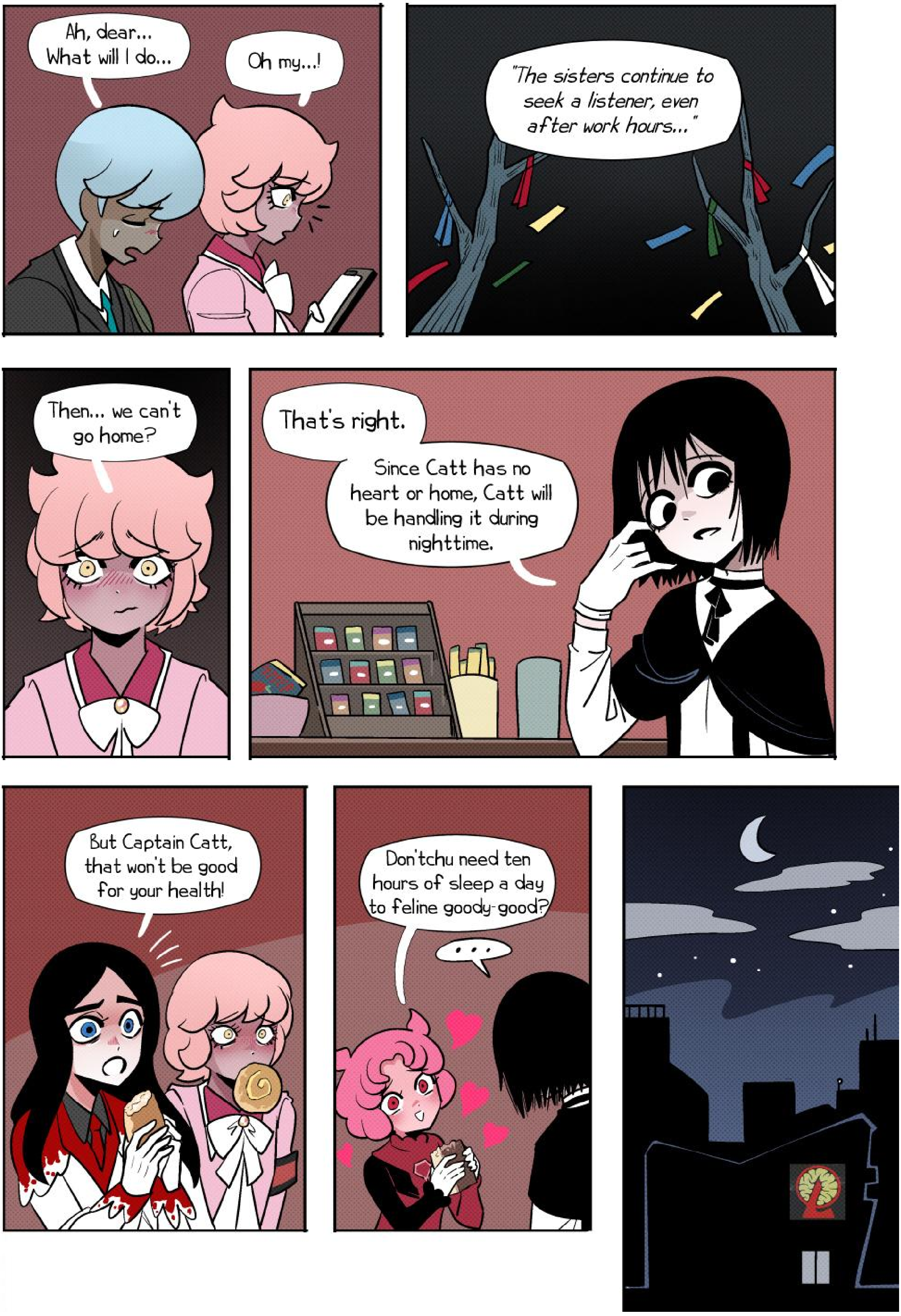

Why did you despise us so?
Why did you bear so much hatred that you wished for our demise?
Had you spoken a single word, had you spoken that you loathed us so much...
Ahh, woe is us. We have become sinners. Please hear us, hear of our sins that we do not know we've committed...
...And absolve us of our grief...


This is the pair that will be coming to our dept. in place of 'My Sweet Home'.
The Abnormality is called 'The Drowned Sisters'.
Management is simple. Regularly go up to their containment and listen to their endless ramblings.
Whatever they're saying, the deep, sorrowful, and pathetic story it tells takes a toll on the agent's sanity. They call it *han* or whatever.
Though apparently, you forget everything they say as soon as you step out of the unit.
Hmph, like that could hurt our heartless Captain Catt.
Bet they won't take any mental damage from sadness.

Han (한/恨) is an emotional concept unique to Korean culture, considered to be a key part of Korean identity.
Han is considered untranslatable into English, with words such as "resentment", "hatred", "regret", "sorrow", "pain", and others being used to approximate around the emotions that are involved with it.
There are also associations of "loss of identity", "virtuous endurance of injustice", and "holding/avenging a grudge".


Commencing Work On Abnormality.
...I'm here to listen to your woes.


Everything is our fault, yet none of it is...
Even in death, we cannot find peace.
...It's true, I don't recall a single thing they said to me...
Ella.
It's just... My head and heart are feeling sore, as if something is pent up. Taii, may I please have... a little more time?
As much as I'd like to... The managerial methods state that someone has to listen to the sisters' stories routinely...
The risk counter would skyrocket otherwise...


Ah, dear... What will I do...
Oh my...!
"The sisters continue to seek a listener, even after work hours..."
Then... we can't go home?
That's right.
Since Catt has no heart or home, Catt will be handling it during nighttime.
But Captain Catt, that won't be good for your health!
Don'tchu need ten hours of sleep a day to feline goody-good?
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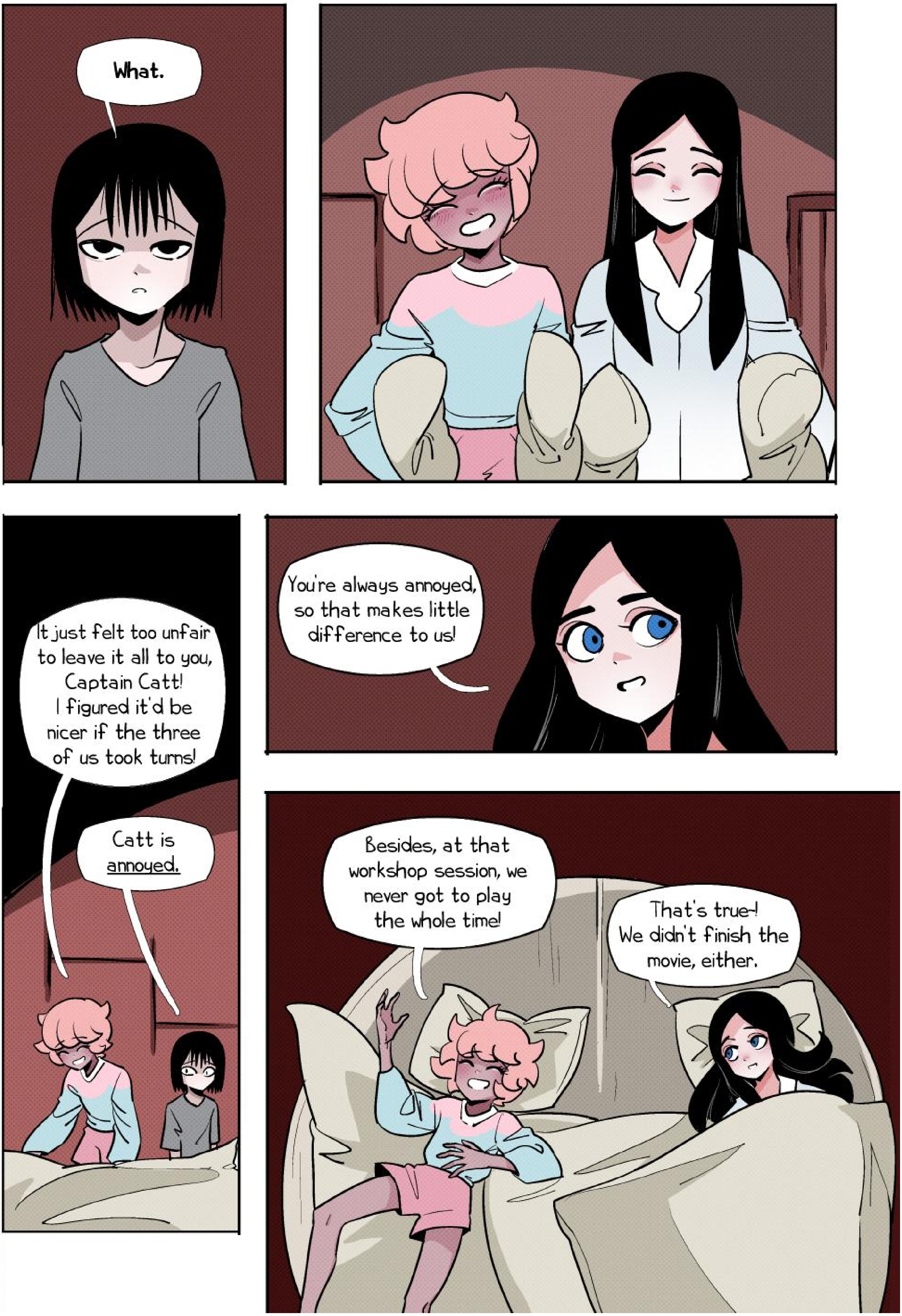
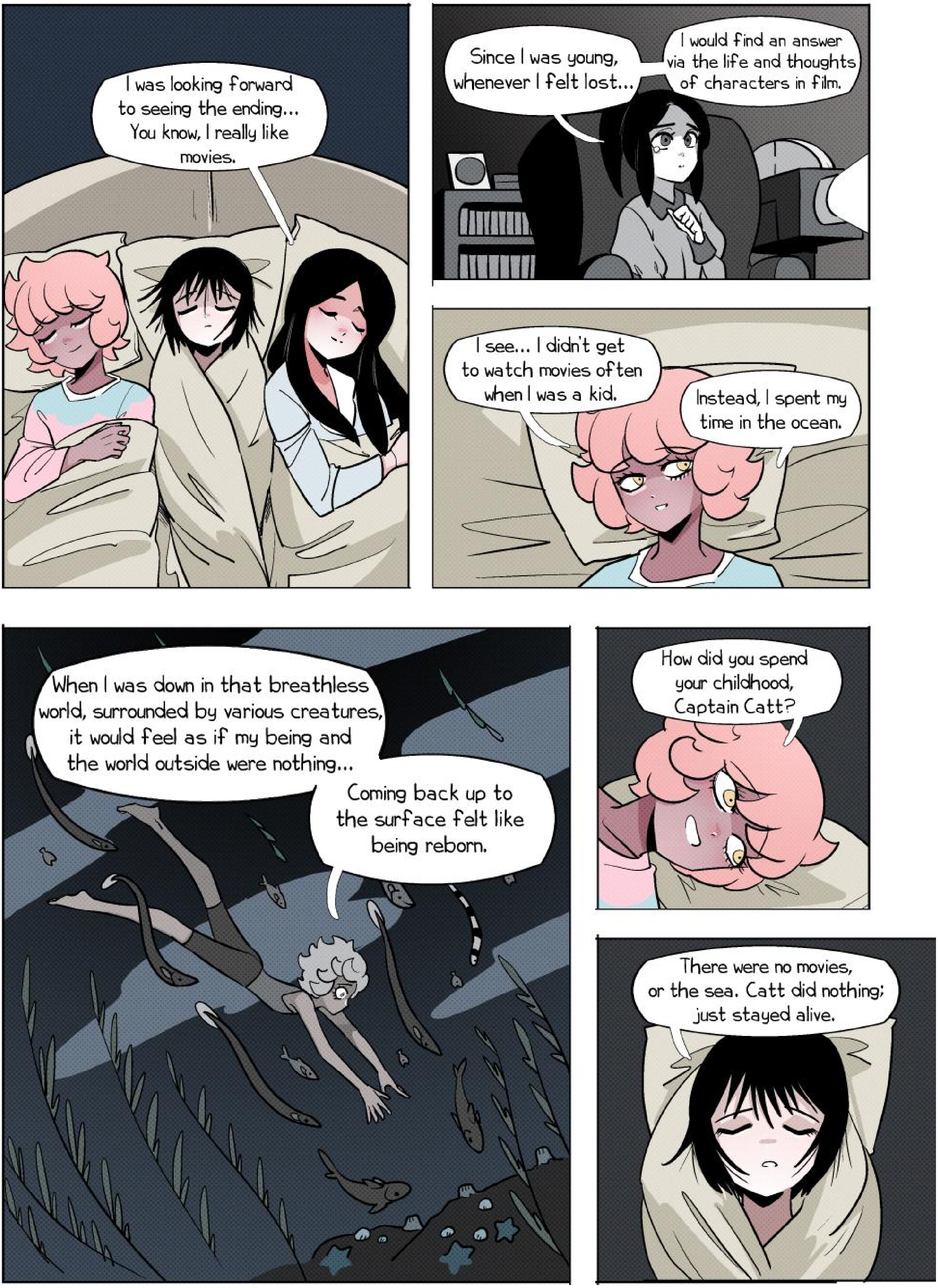
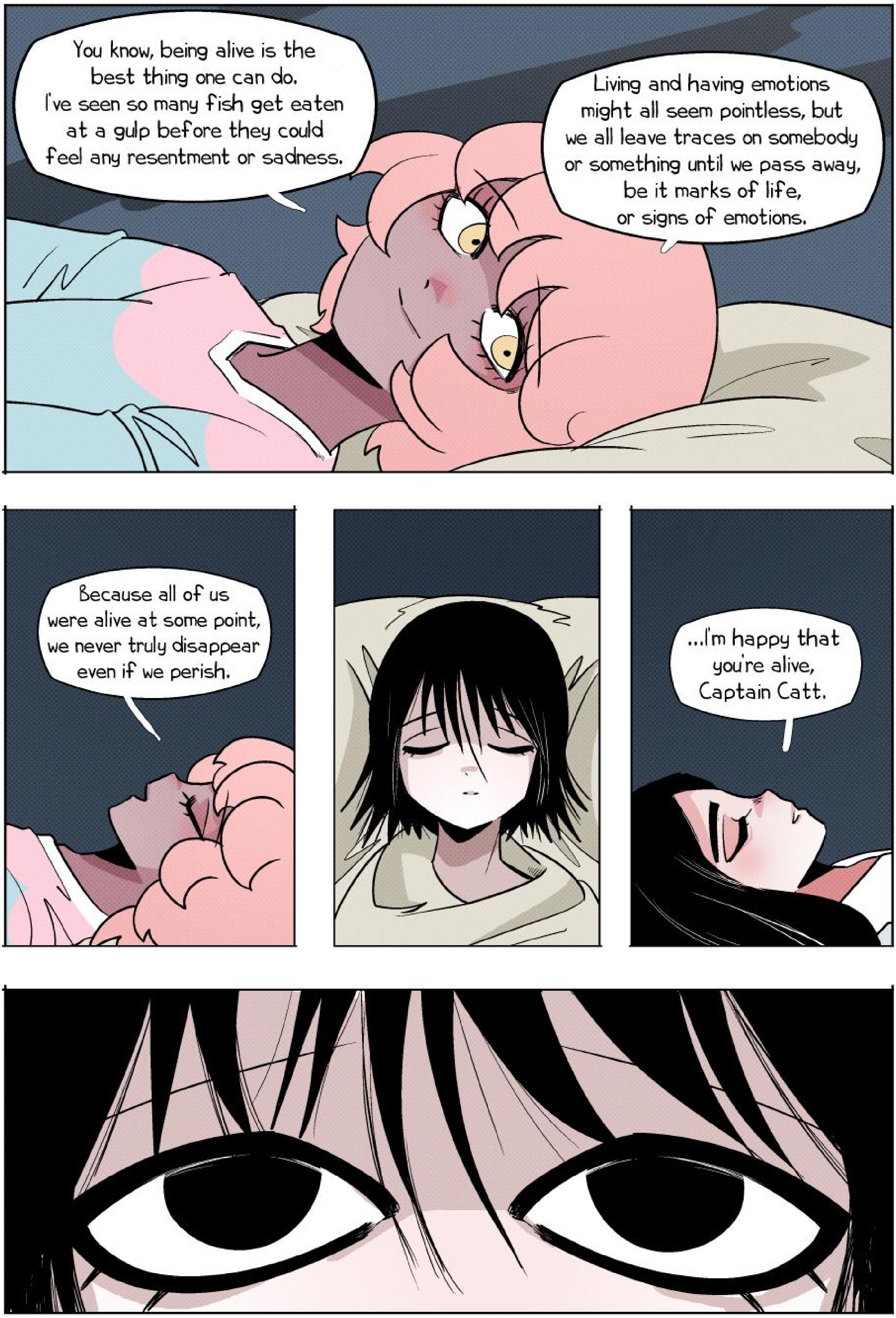
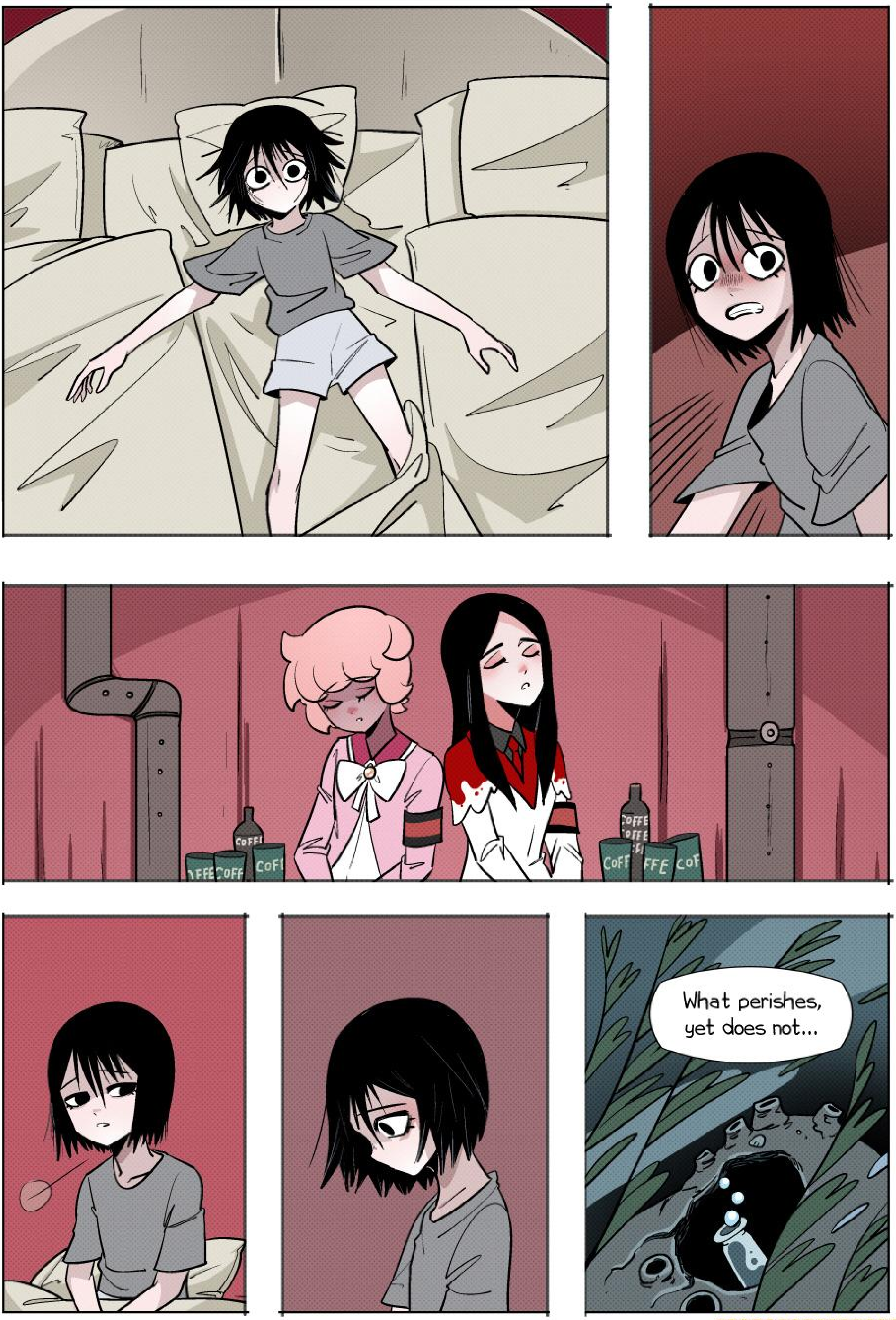

What.
It just felt too unfair to leave it all to you, Captain Catt! I figured it'd be nicer if the three of us took turns!
Catt is annoyed.
You're always annoyed, so that makes little difference to us!
Besides, at that workshop session, we never got to play the whole time!
That's true-! We didn't finish the movie, either.


I was looking forward to seeing the ending... You know, I really like movies.
Since I was young, whenever I felt lost...
I would find an answer via the life and thoughts of characters in film.
I see... I didn't get to watch movies often when I was a kid.
Instead, I spent my time in the ocean.
When I was down in that breathless world, surrounded by various creatures, it would feel as if my being and the world outside were nothing...
Coming back up to the surface felt like being reborn.
How did you spend your childhood, Captain Catt?
There were no movies, or the sea. Catt did nothing; just stayed alive.


You know, being alive is the best thing one can do. I've seen so many fish get eaten at a gulp before they could feel any resentment or sadness.
Living and having emotions might all seem pointless, but we all leave traces on somebody or something until we pass away, be it marks of life, or signs of emotions.
Because all of us were alive at some point, we never truly disappear even if we perish.
...I'm happy that you're alive, Captain Catt.


What perishes,
yet does not...

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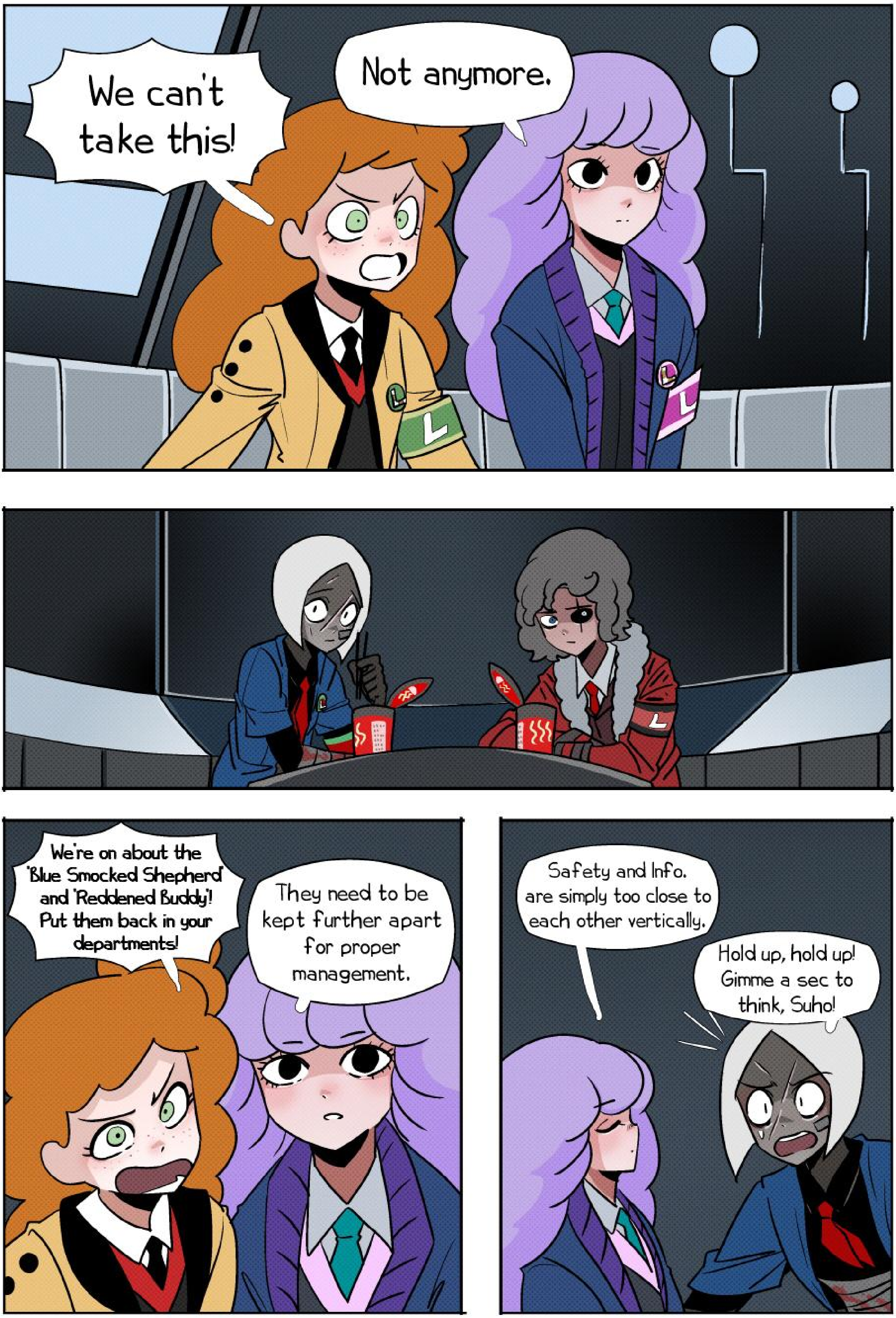
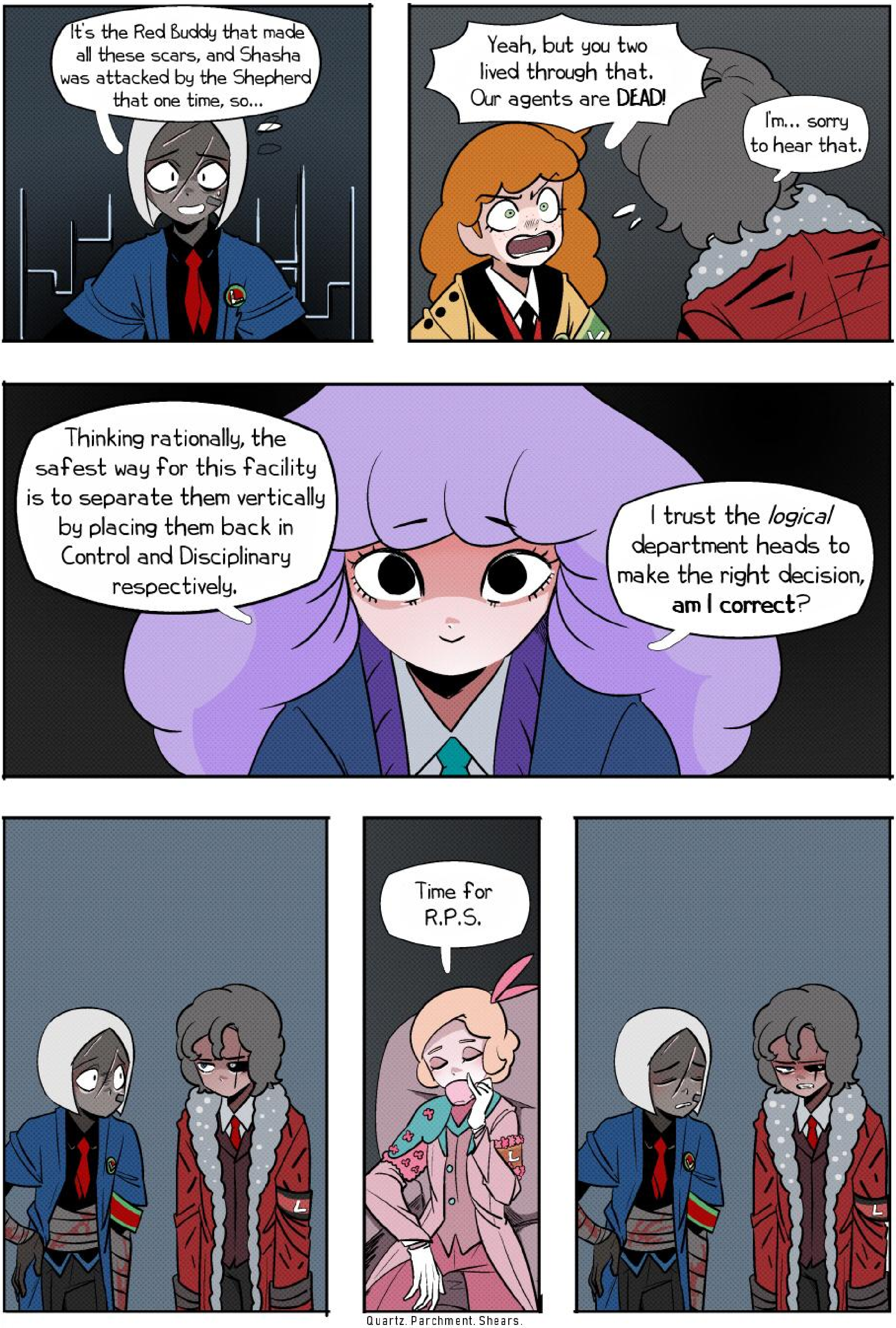
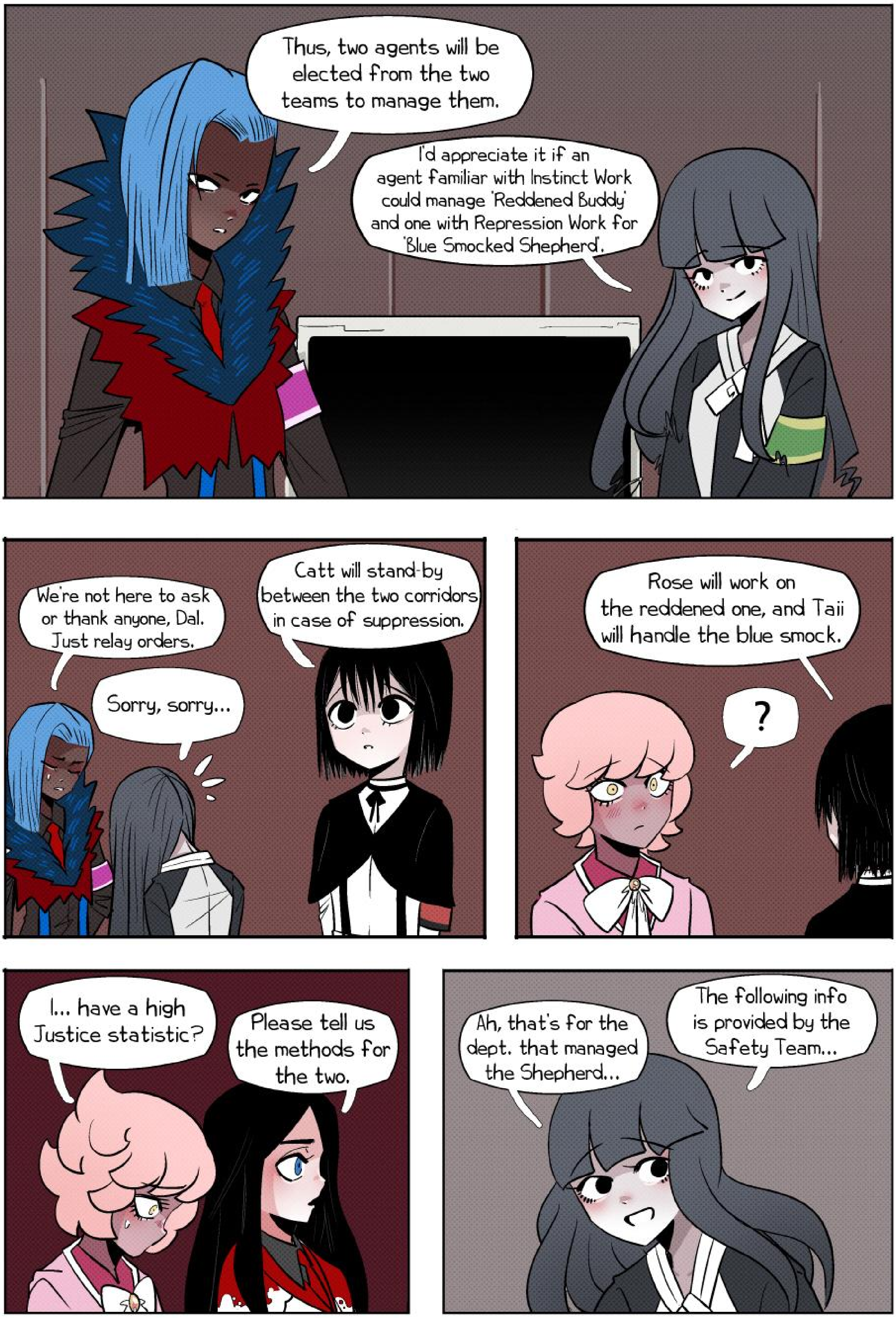
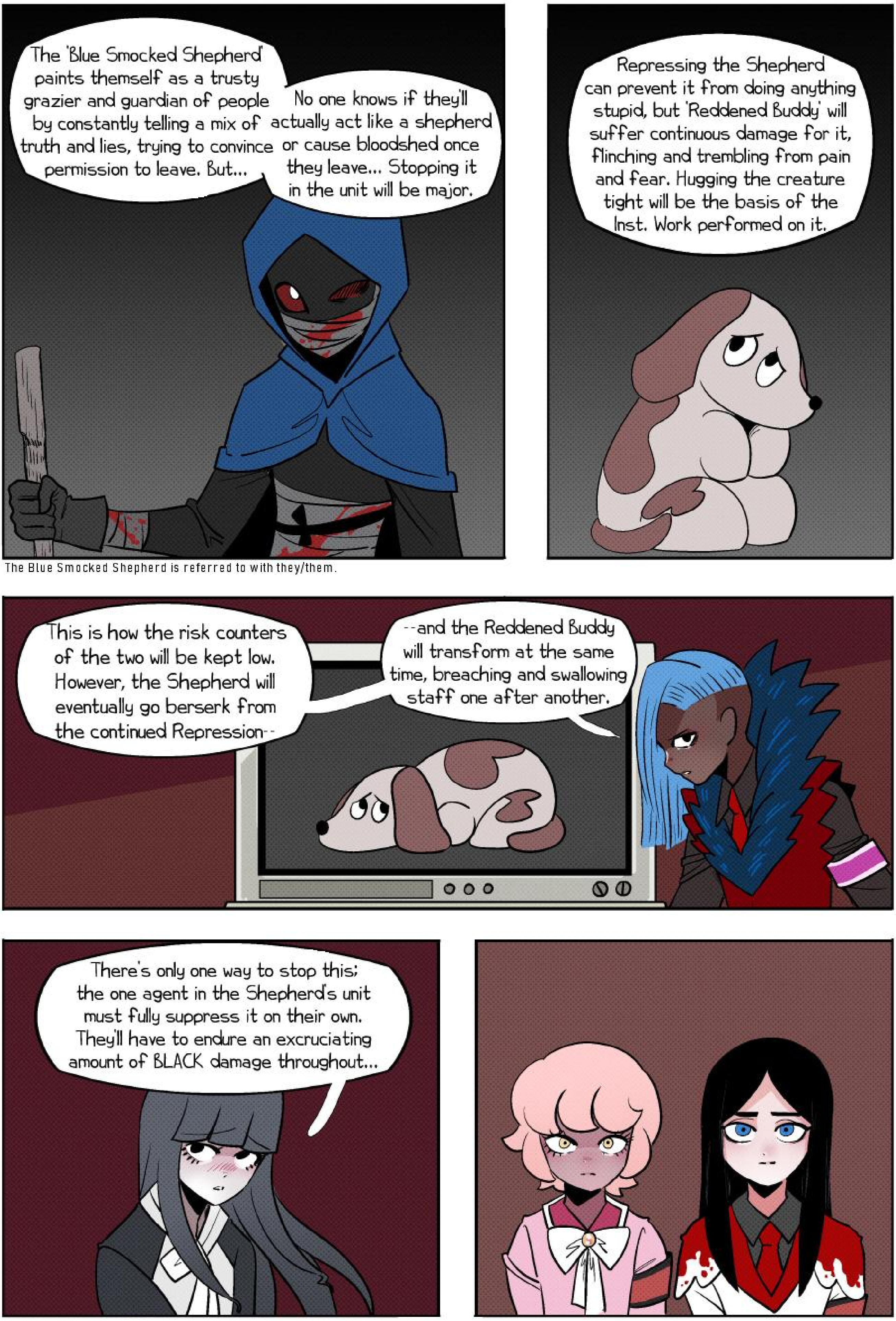

We can't take this!
Not anymore.
We're on about the 'Blue Smocked Shepherd' and 'Reddened Buddy'! Put them back in your departments!
They need to be kept further apart for proper management.
Safety and Info. are simply too close to each other vertically.
Hold up, hold up! Gimme a sec to think, Suho!

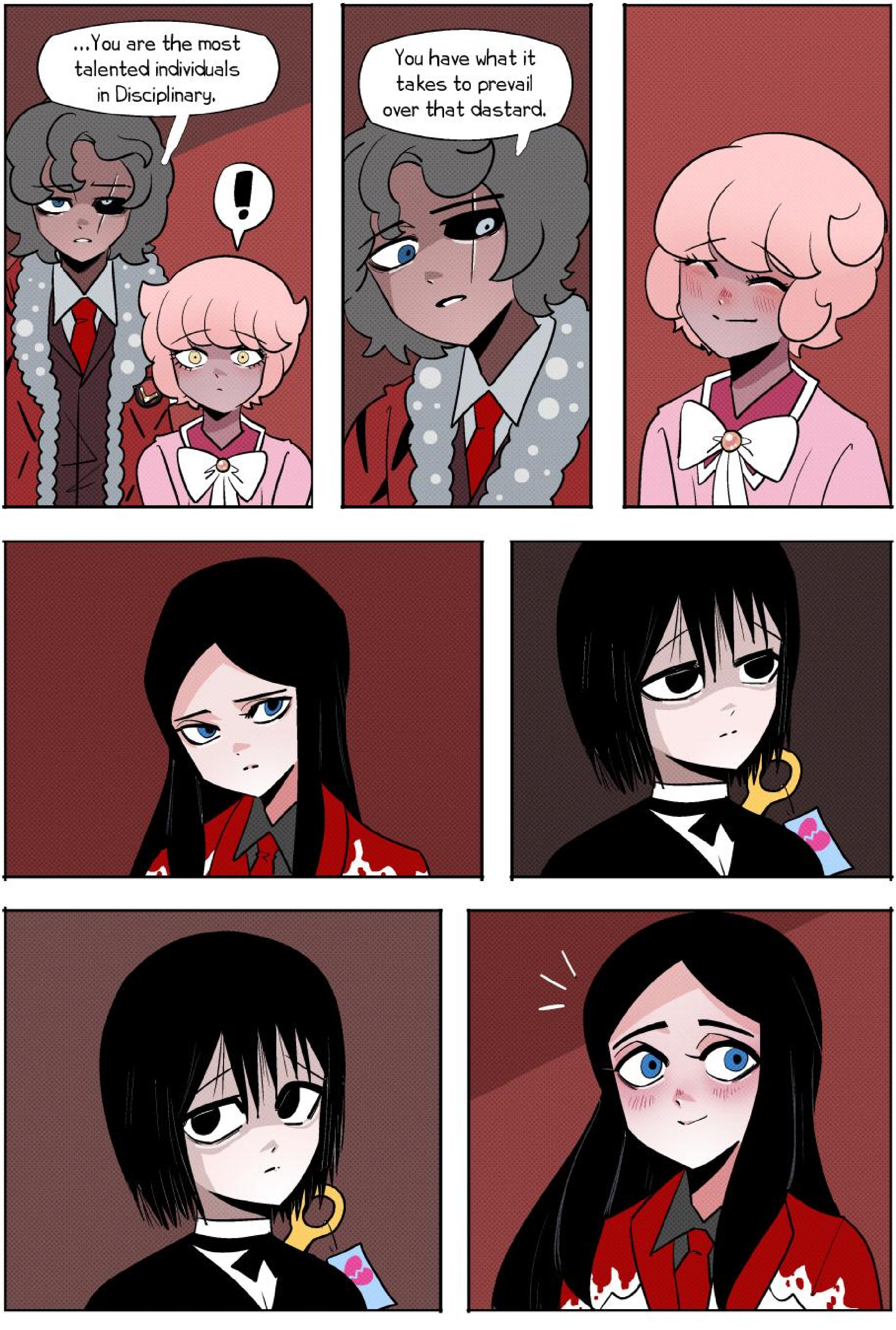

It's the Red Buddy that made all these scars, and Shasha was attacked by the Shepherd that one time, so...
Yeah, but you two lived through that. Our agents are **DEAD!**
I'm... sorry to hear that.
Thinking rationally, the safest way for this facility is to separate them vertically by placing them back in Control and Disciplinary respectively.
I trust the *logical* department heads to make the right decision, **am I correct**?
Time for R.P.S.

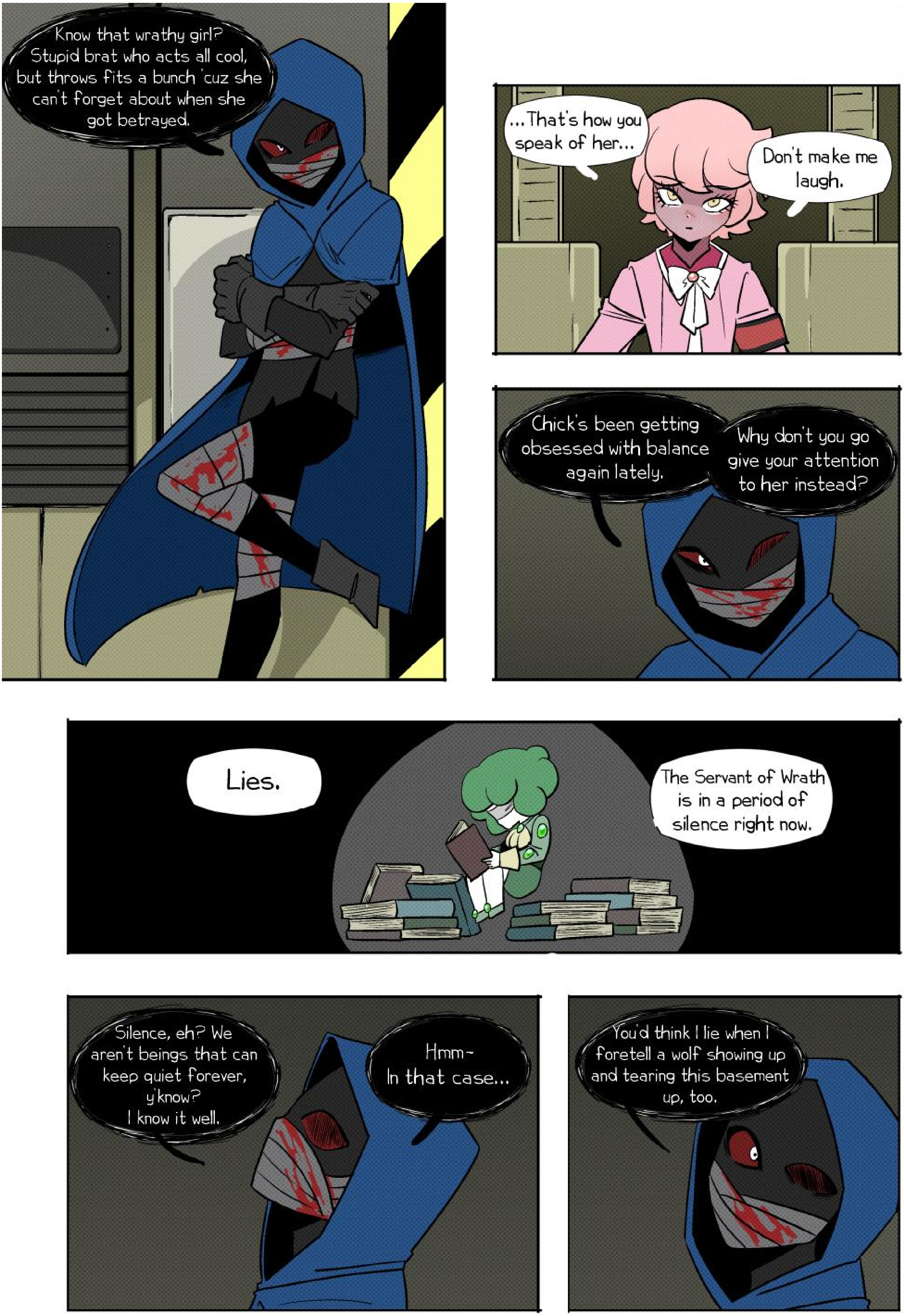
Quartz. Parchment. Shears.

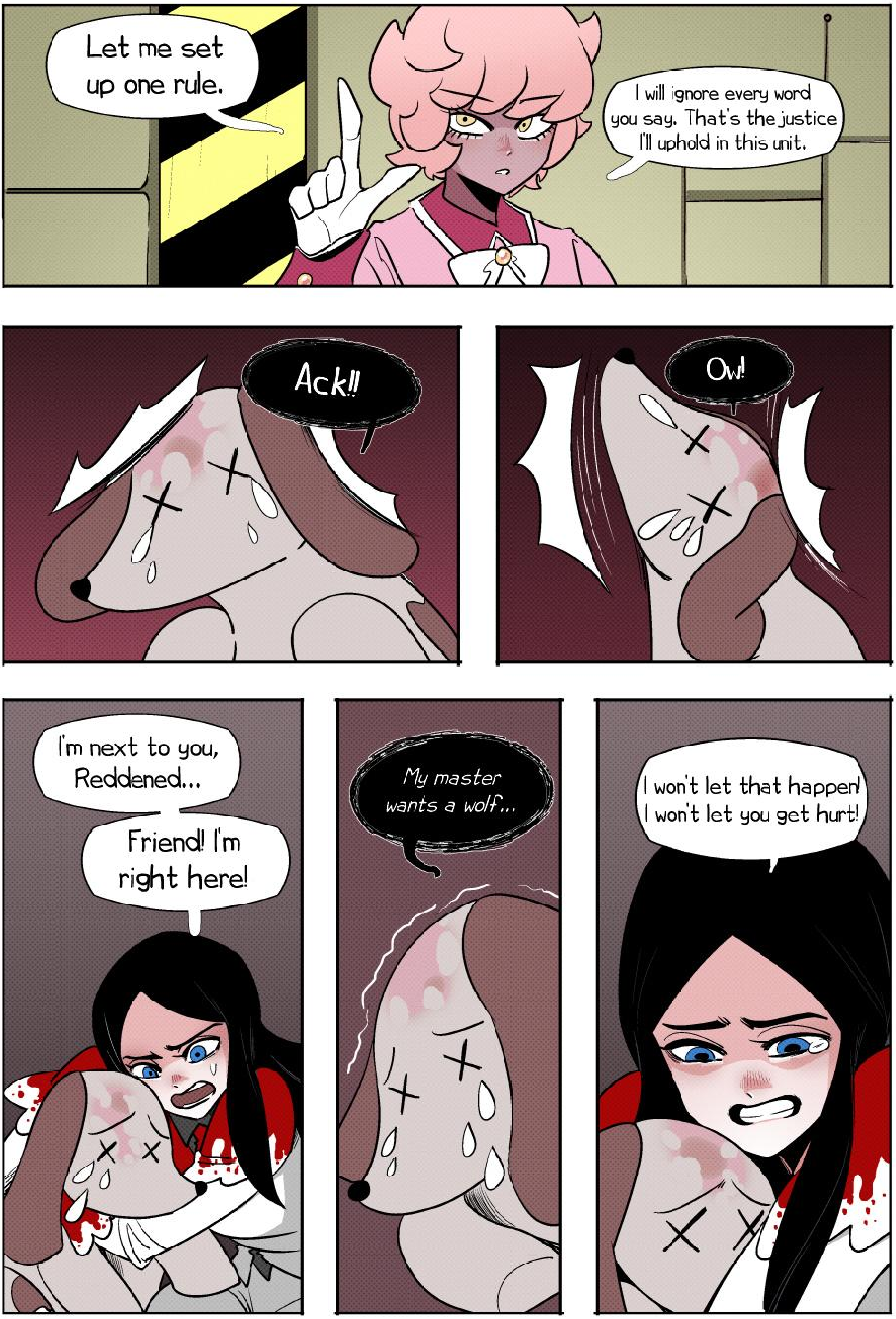

Thus, two agents will be elected from the two teams to manage them.
I'd appreciate it if an agent familiar with Instinct Work could manage 'Reddened Buddy' and one with Repression Work for 'Blue Smocked Shepherd'.
We're not here to ask or thank anyone, Dal. Just relay orders.
Sorry, sorry...
Catt will stand-by between the two corridors in case of suppression.
Rose will work on the reddened one, and Taii will handle the blue smock.
?
I... have a high Justice statistic?
Please tell us the methods for the two.
Ah, that's for the dept. that managed the Shepherd...
The following info is provided by the Safety Team...

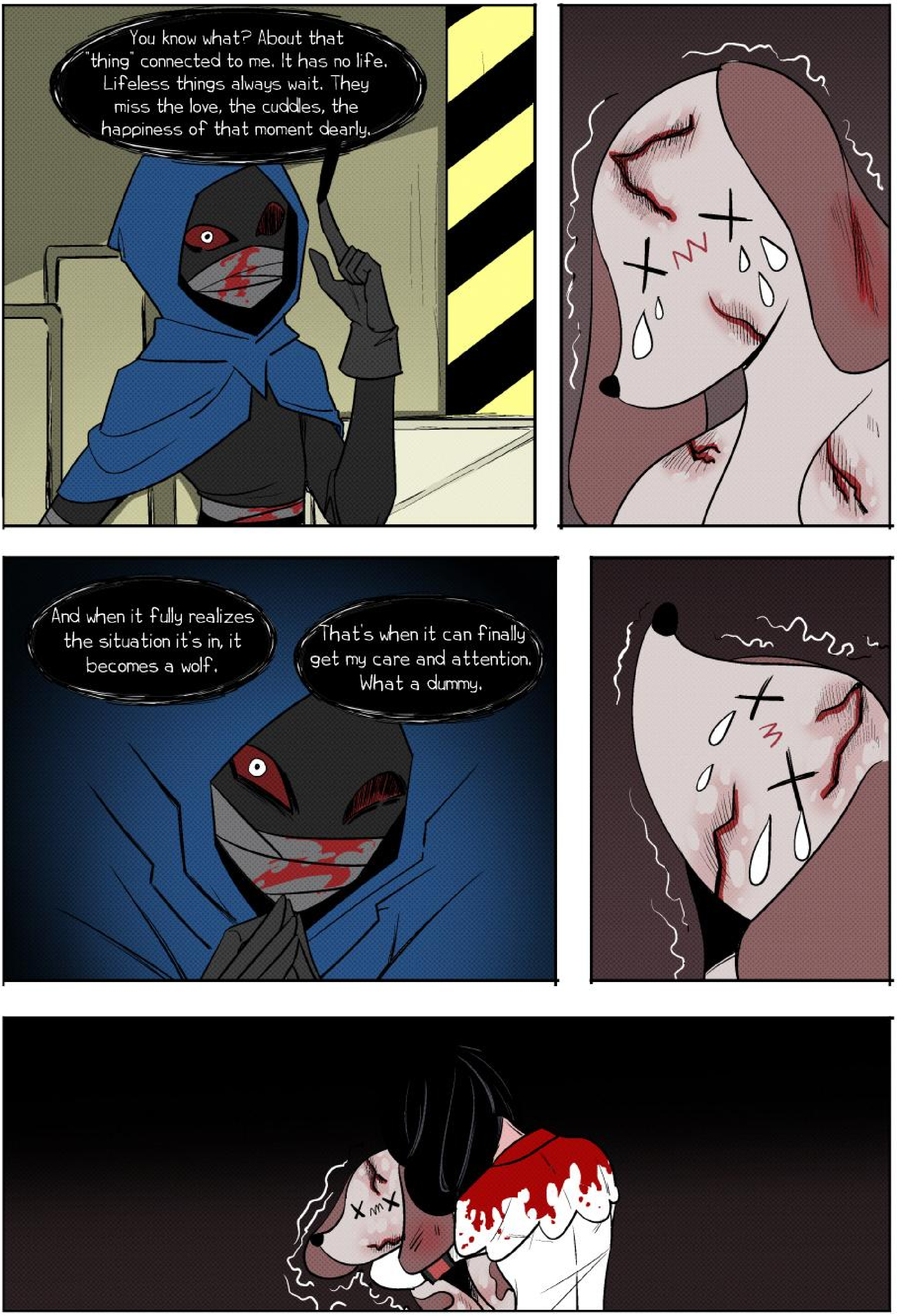

The 'Blue Smocked Shepherd' paints themself as a trusty grazier and guardian of people by constantly telling a mix of truth and lies, trying to convince permission to leave. But...
No one knows if they'll actually act like a shepherd or cause bloodshed once they leave... Stopping it in the unit will be major.
Repressing the Shepherd can prevent it from doing anything stupid, but 'Reddened Buddy' will suffer continuous damage for it, flinching and trembling from pain and fear. Hugging the creature tight will be the basis of the Inst. Work performed on it.
This is how the risk counters of the two will be kept low. However, the Shepherd will eventually go berserk from the continued Repression--
--and the Reddened Buddy will transform at the same time, breaching and swallowing staff one after another.
There's only one way to stop this; the one agent in the Shepherd's unit must fully suppress it on their own. They'll have to endure an excruciating amount of BLACK damage throughout...

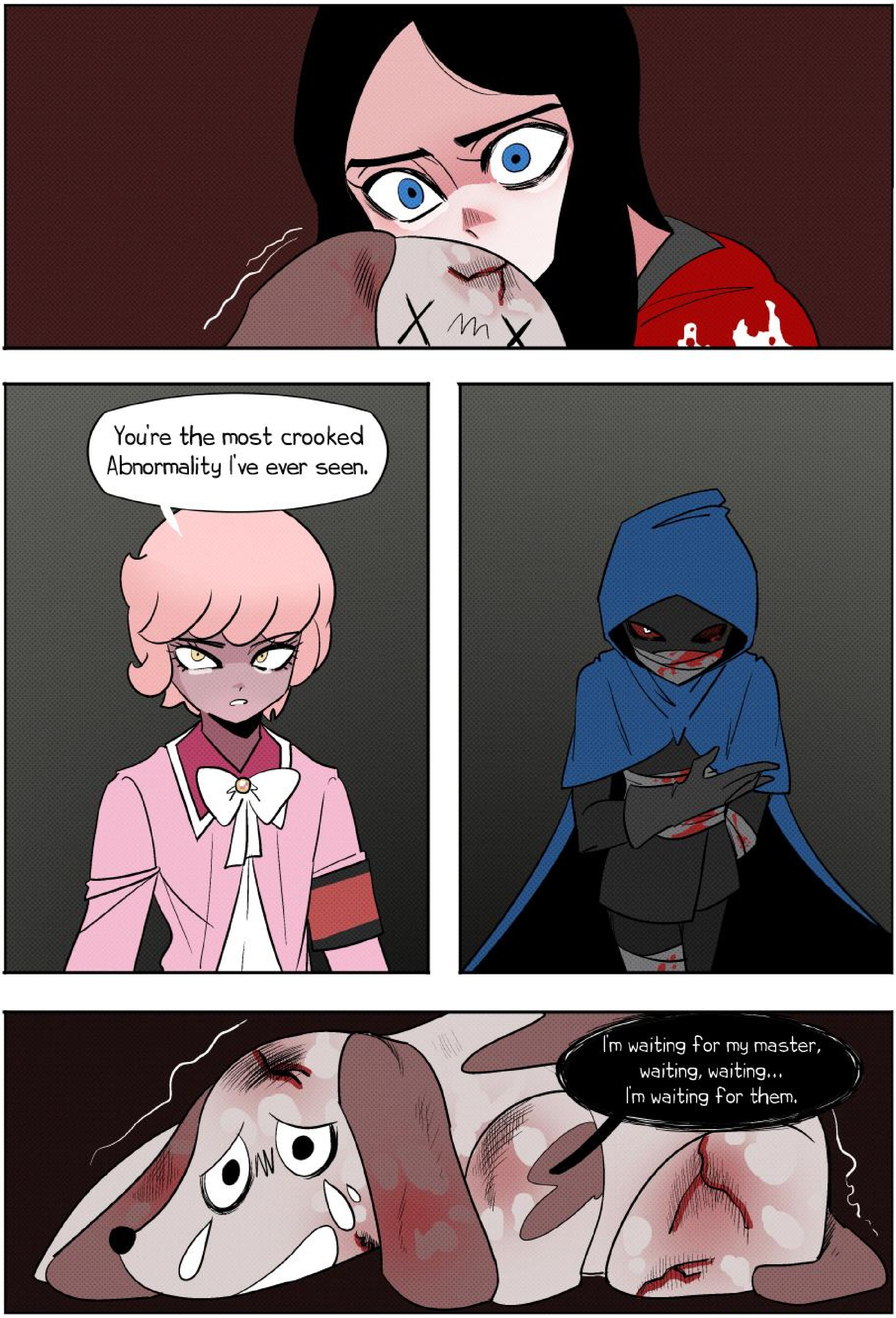
The Blue Smocked Shepherd is referred to with they/them.


...You are the most talented individuals in Disciplinary.
!
You have what it takes to prevail over that dastard.


Know that wrathy girl? Stupid brat who acts all cool, but throws fits a bunch 'cuz she can't forget about when she got betrayed.
...That's how you speak of her...
Don't make me laugh.
Chick's been getting obsessed with balance again lately.
Why don't you go give your attention to her instead?
Lies.
The Servant of Wrath is in a period of silence right now.
Silence, eh? We aren't beings that can keep quiet forever, y'know? I know it well.
Hmm~ In that case...
You'd think I lie when I foretell a wolf showing up and tearing this basement up, too.


Let me set up one rule.
I will ignore every word you say. That's the justice I'll uphold in this unit.
Ack!!
Ow!
I'm next to you, Reddened...
Friend! I'm right here!
My master wants a wolf...
I won't let that happen! I won't let you get hurt!


You know what? About that "thing" connected to me. It has no life. Lifeless things always wait. They miss the love, the cuddles, the happiness of that moment dearly.
And when it fully realizes the situation it's in, it becomes a wolf.
That's when it can finally get my care and attention. What a dummy.


You're the most crooked Abnormality I've ever seen.
I'm waiting for my master, waiting, waiting... I'm waiting for them.

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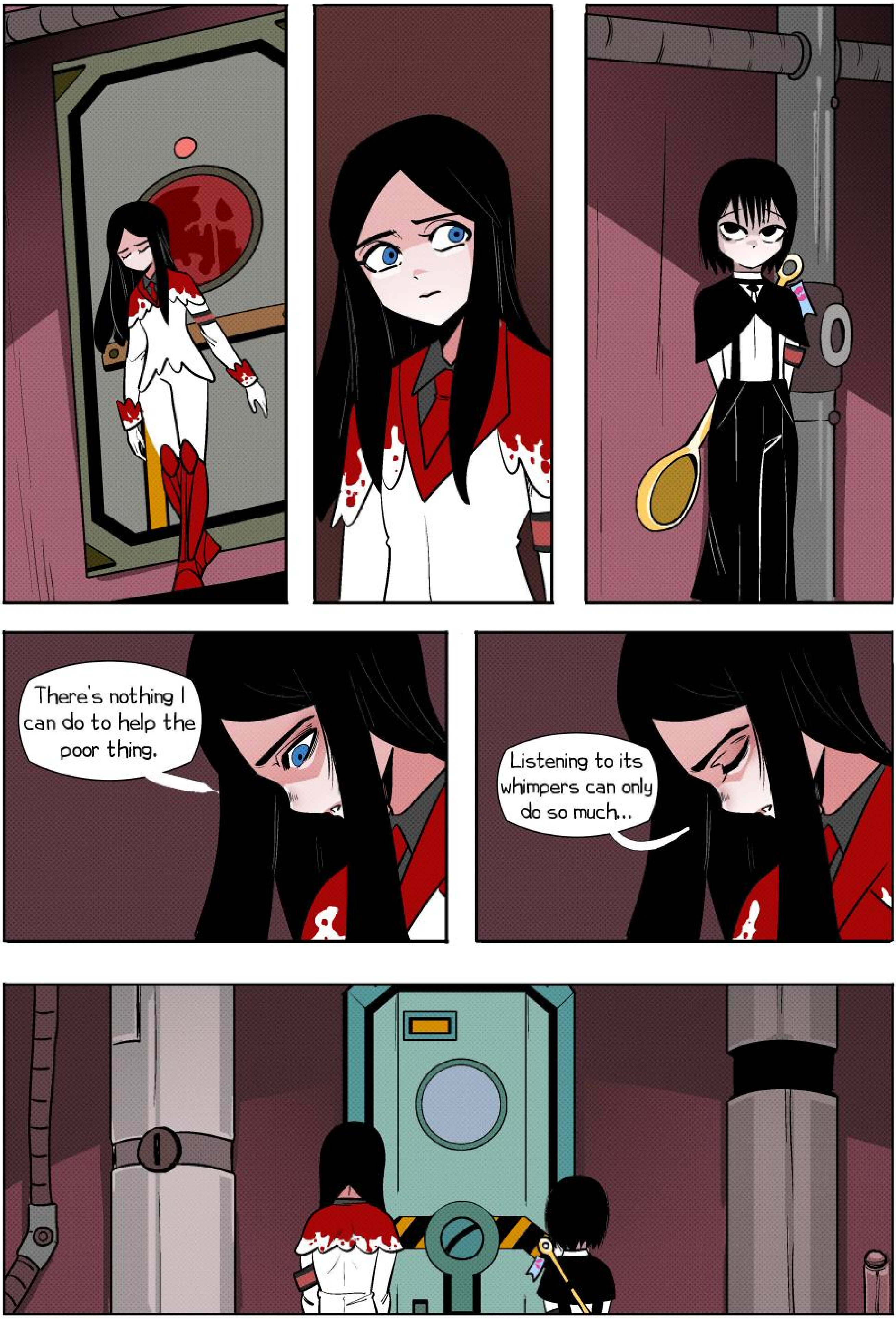
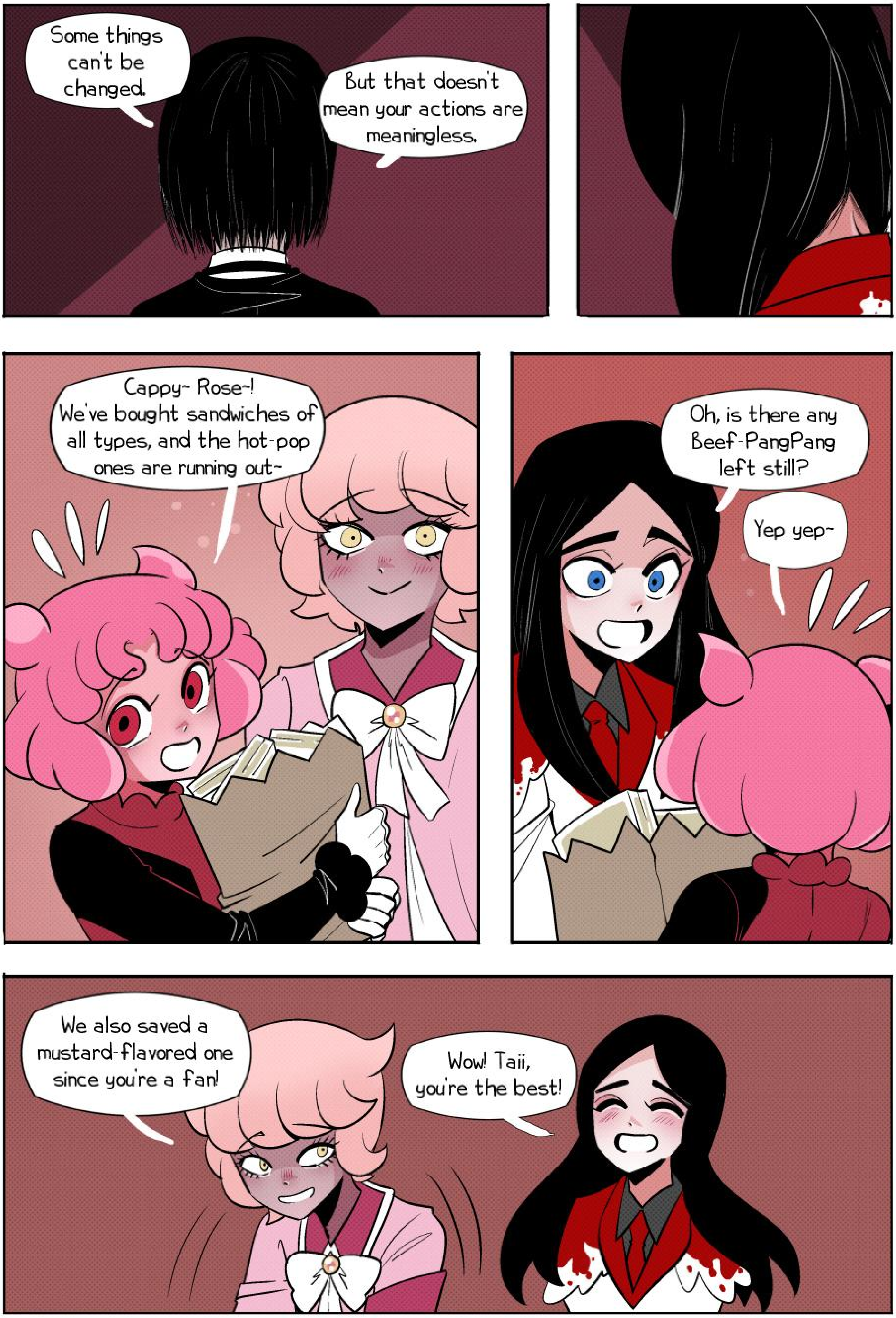
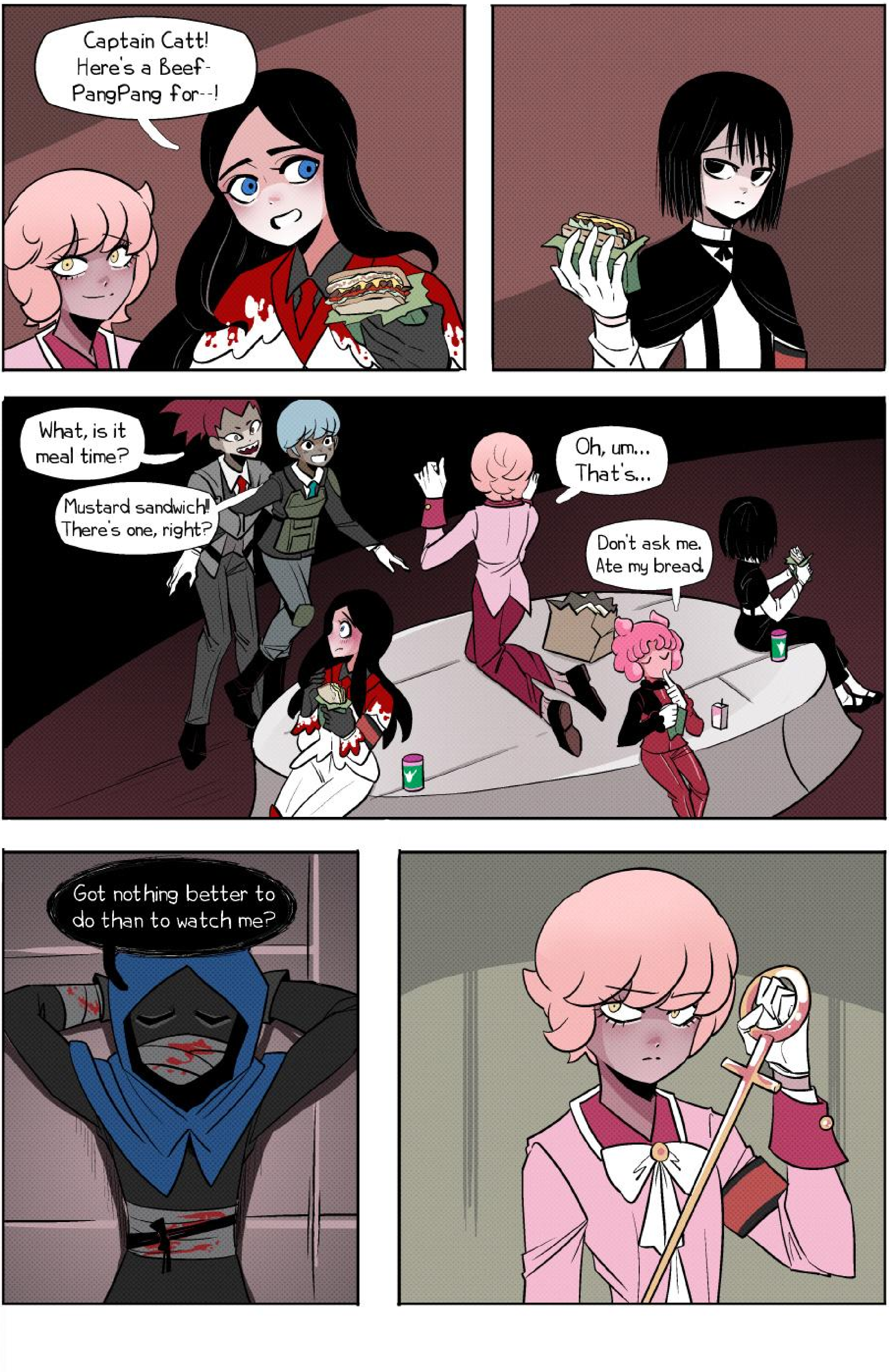
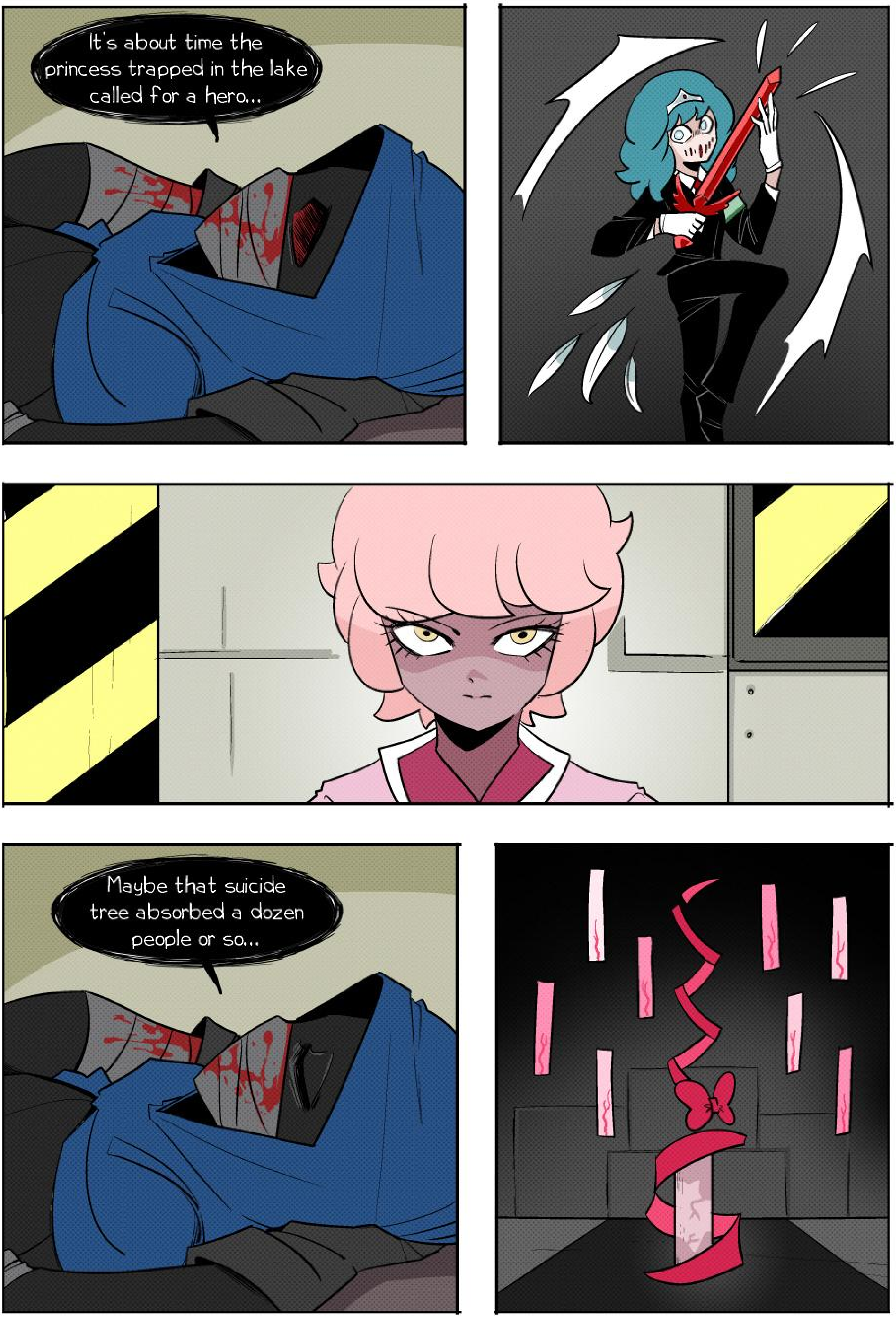
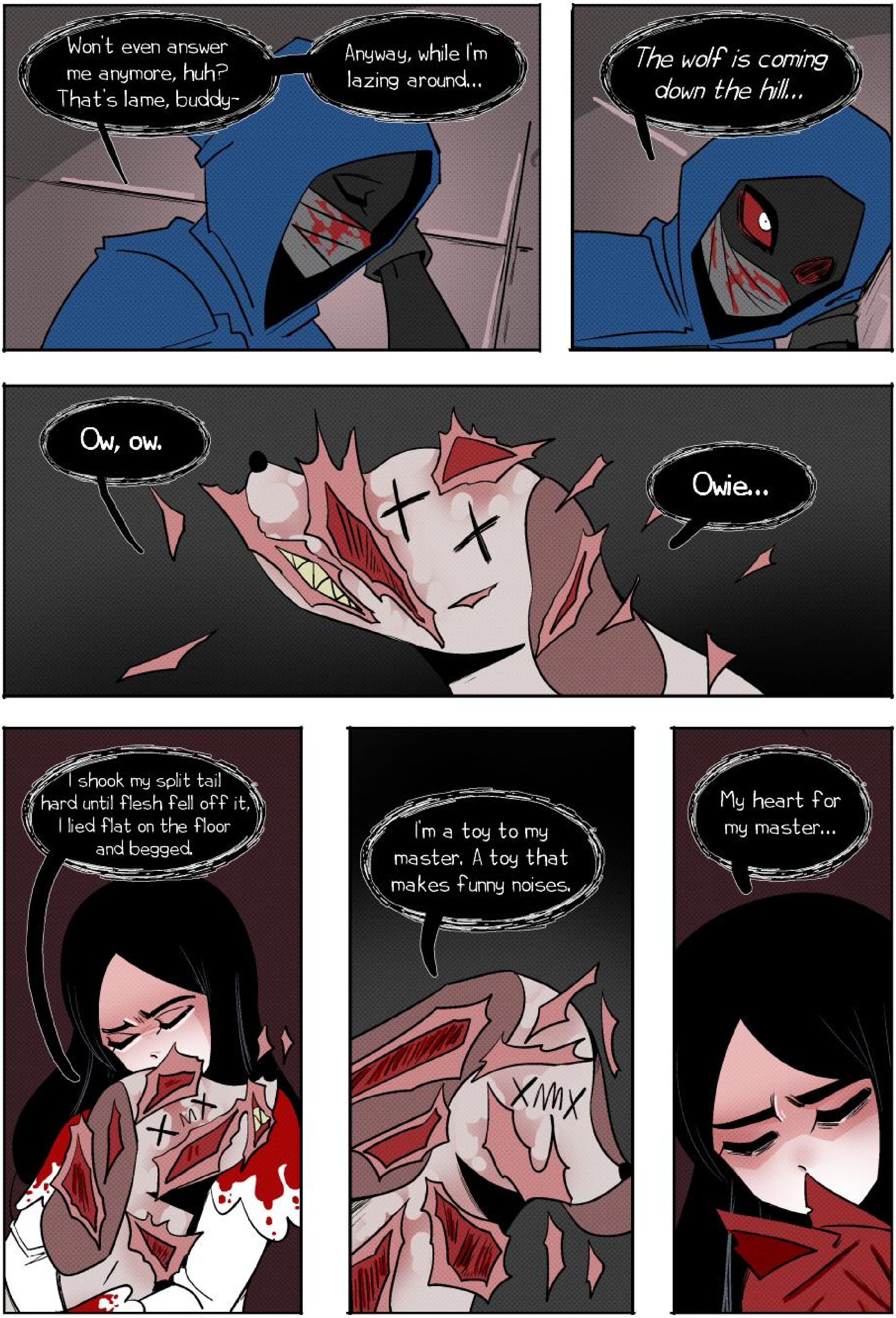
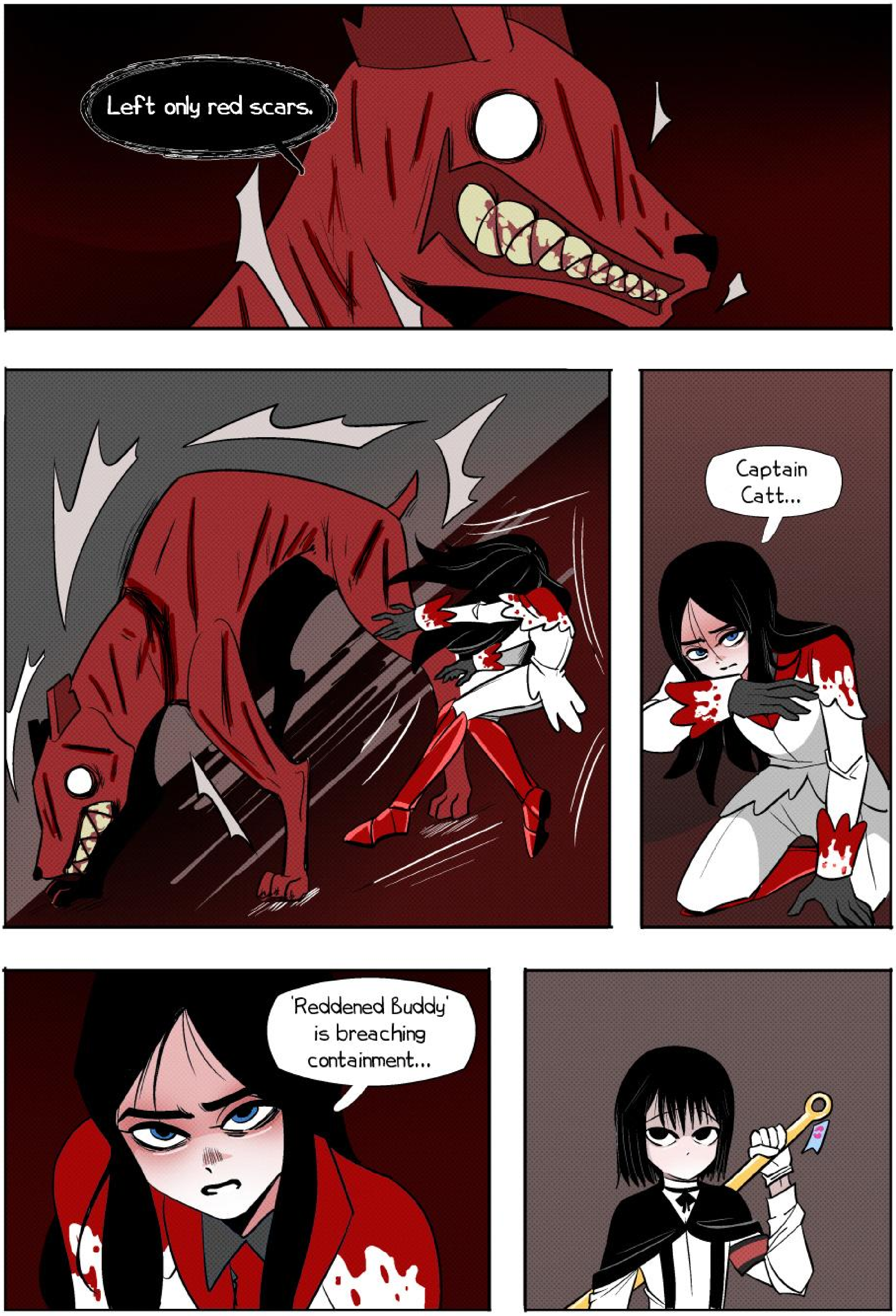

There's nothing I can do to help the poor thing.
Listening to its whimpers can only do so much...

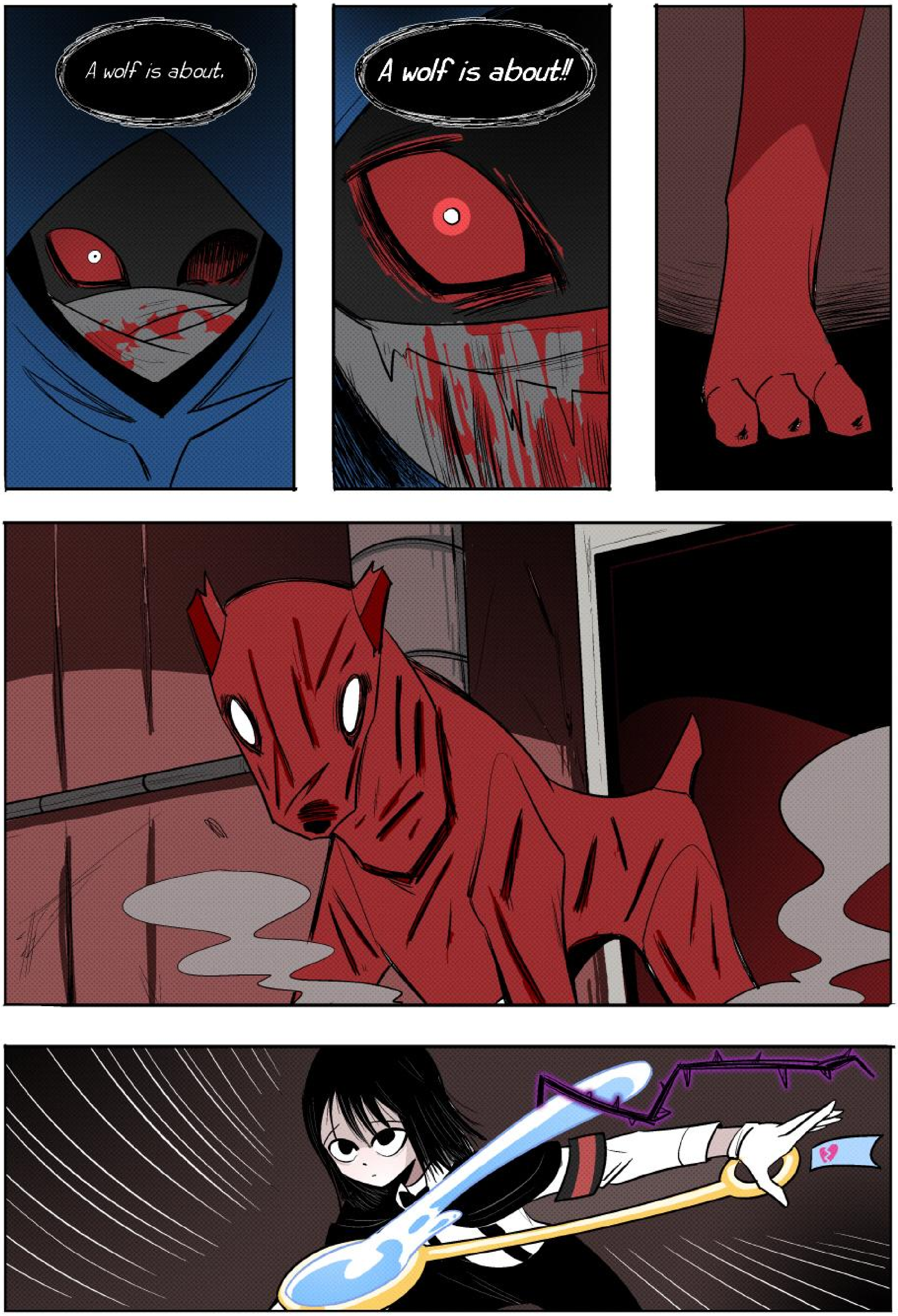

Some things can't be changed.
But that doesn't mean your actions are meaningless.
Cappy~ Rose~! We've bought sandwiches of all types, and the hot-pop ones are running out~
Oh, is there any Beef-PangPang left still?
Yep yep~
We also saved a mustard-flavored one since you're a fan!
Wow! Taii, you're the best!

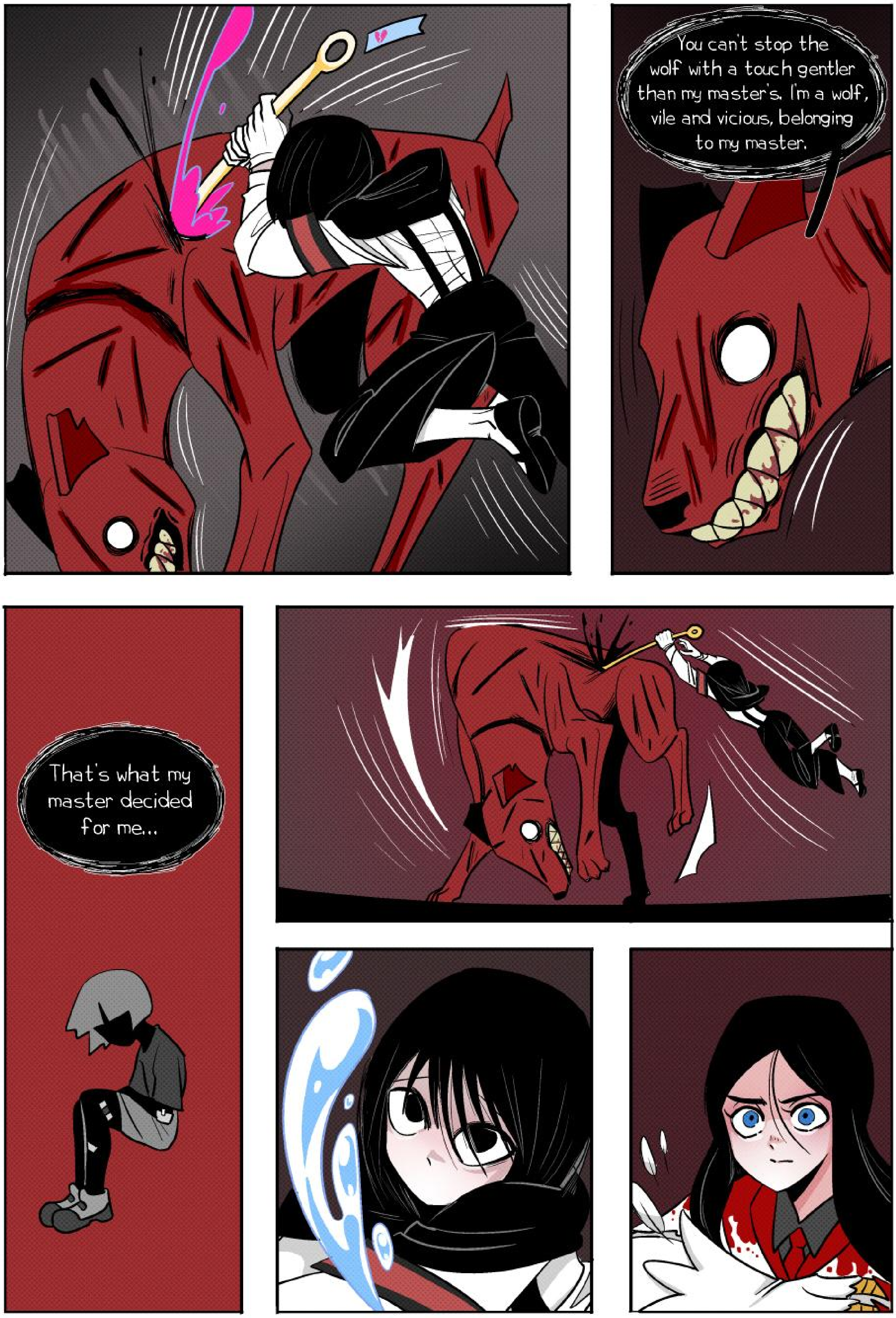

Captain Catt! Here's a Beef-PangPang for--!
What, is it meal time?
Mustard sandwich! There's one, right?
Oh, um... That's...
Don't ask me. Ate my bread.
Got nothing better to do than to watch me?

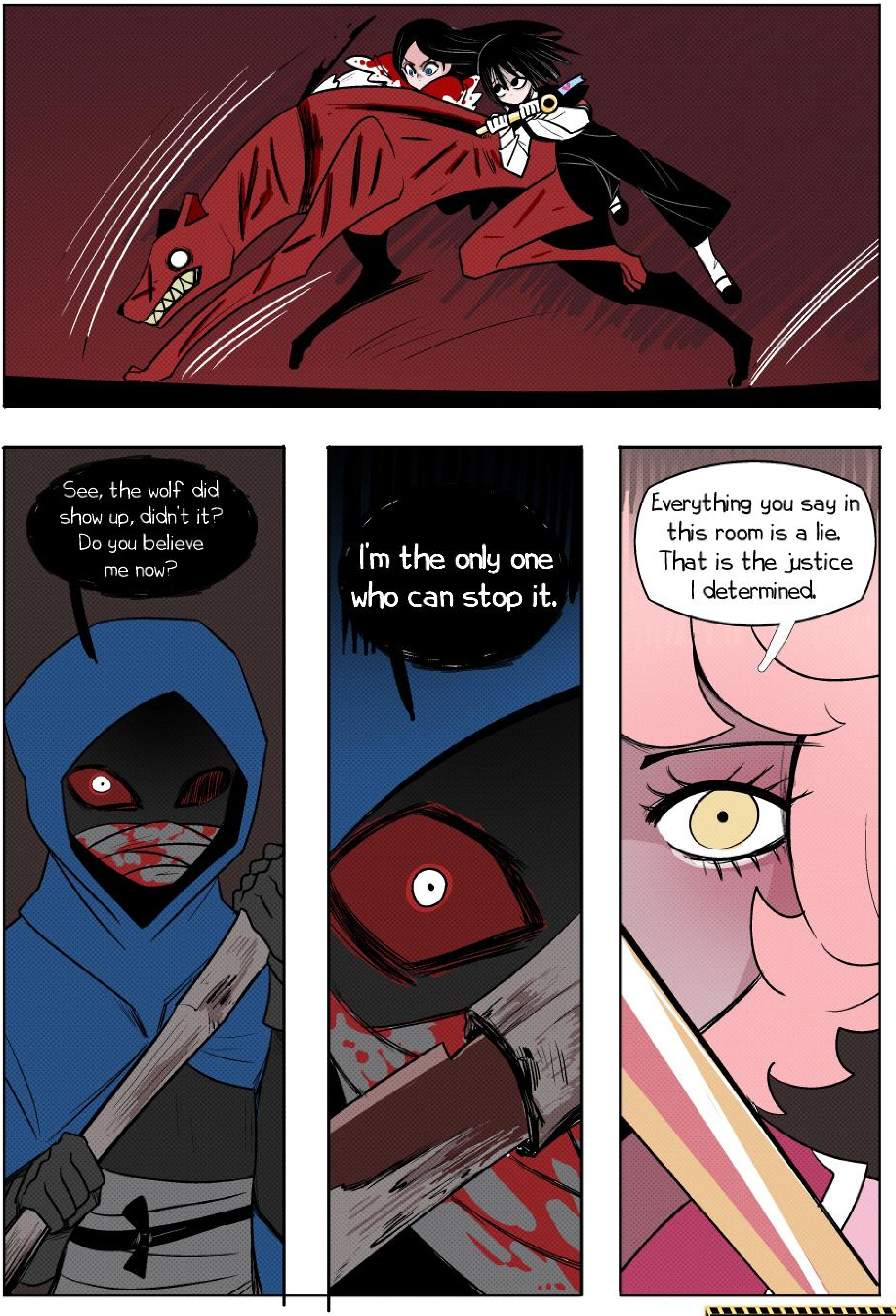

It's about time the princess trapped in the lake called for a hero...
Maybe that suicide tree absorbed a dozen people or so...


Won't even answer me anymore, huh? That's lame, buddy-
Anyway, while I'm lazing around...
The wolf is coming down the hill...
Ow, ow.
Owie...
I shook my split tail hard until flesh fell off it, I lied flat on the floor and begged.
I'm a toy to my master. A toy that makes funny noises.
My heart for my master...


Left only red scars.
Captain Catt...
'Reddened Buddy' is breaching containment...


A wolf is about.
A wolf is about!!


You can't stop the wolf with a touch gentler than my master's. I'm a wolf, vile and vicious, belonging to my master.
That's what my master decided for me...


See, the wolf did show up, didn't it? Do you believe me now?
I'm the only one who can stop it.
Everything you say in this room is a lie. That is the justice I determined.

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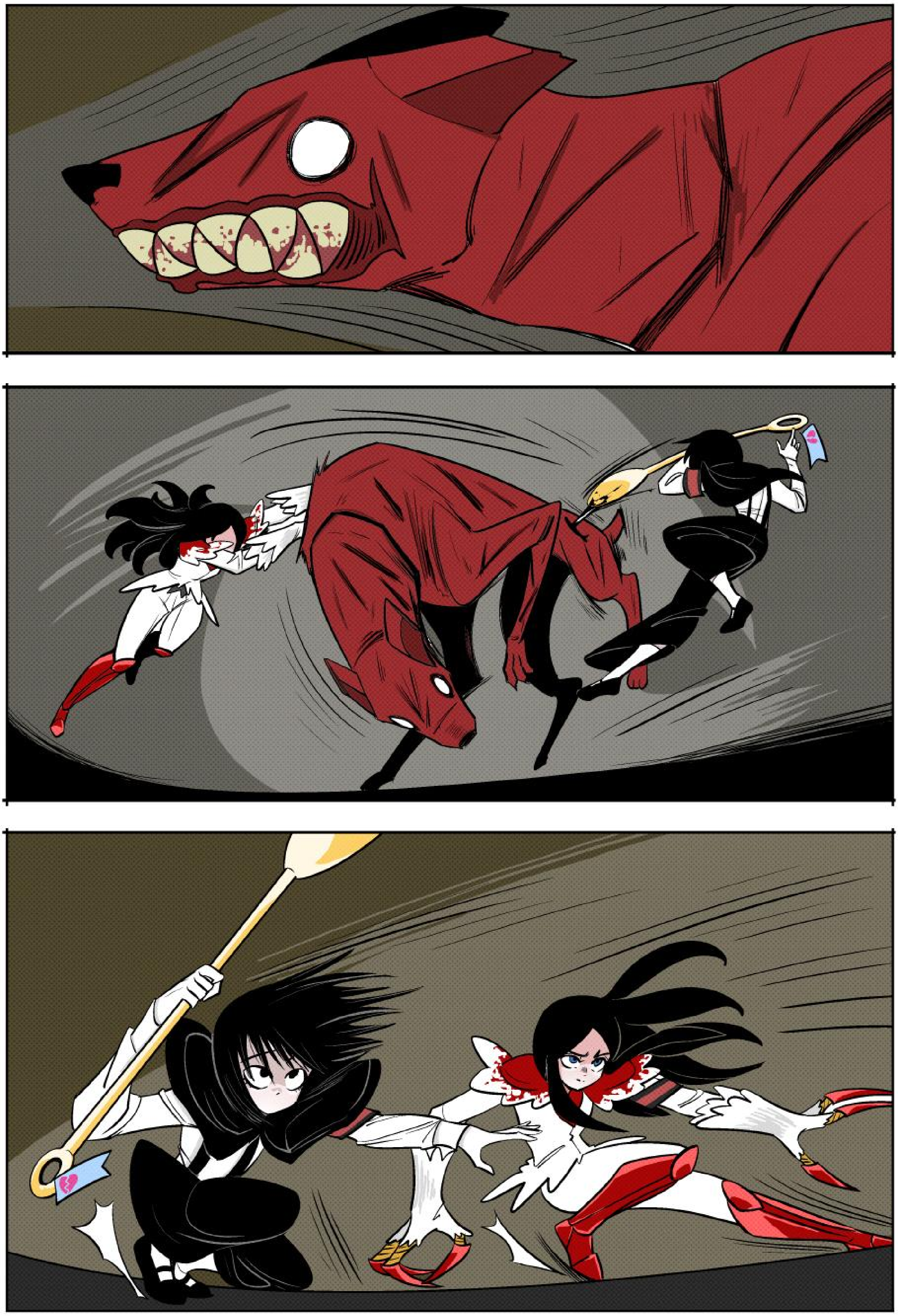
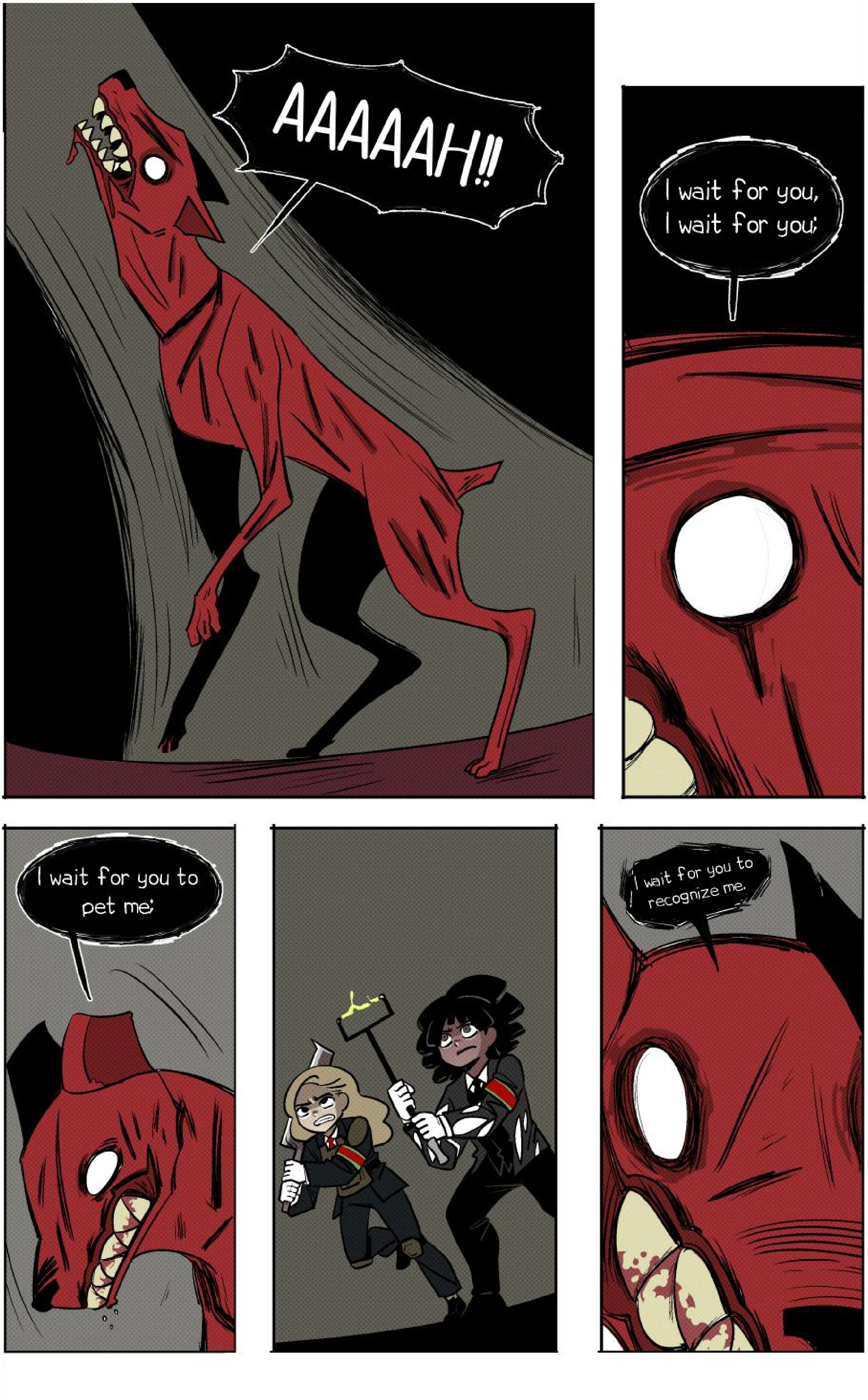
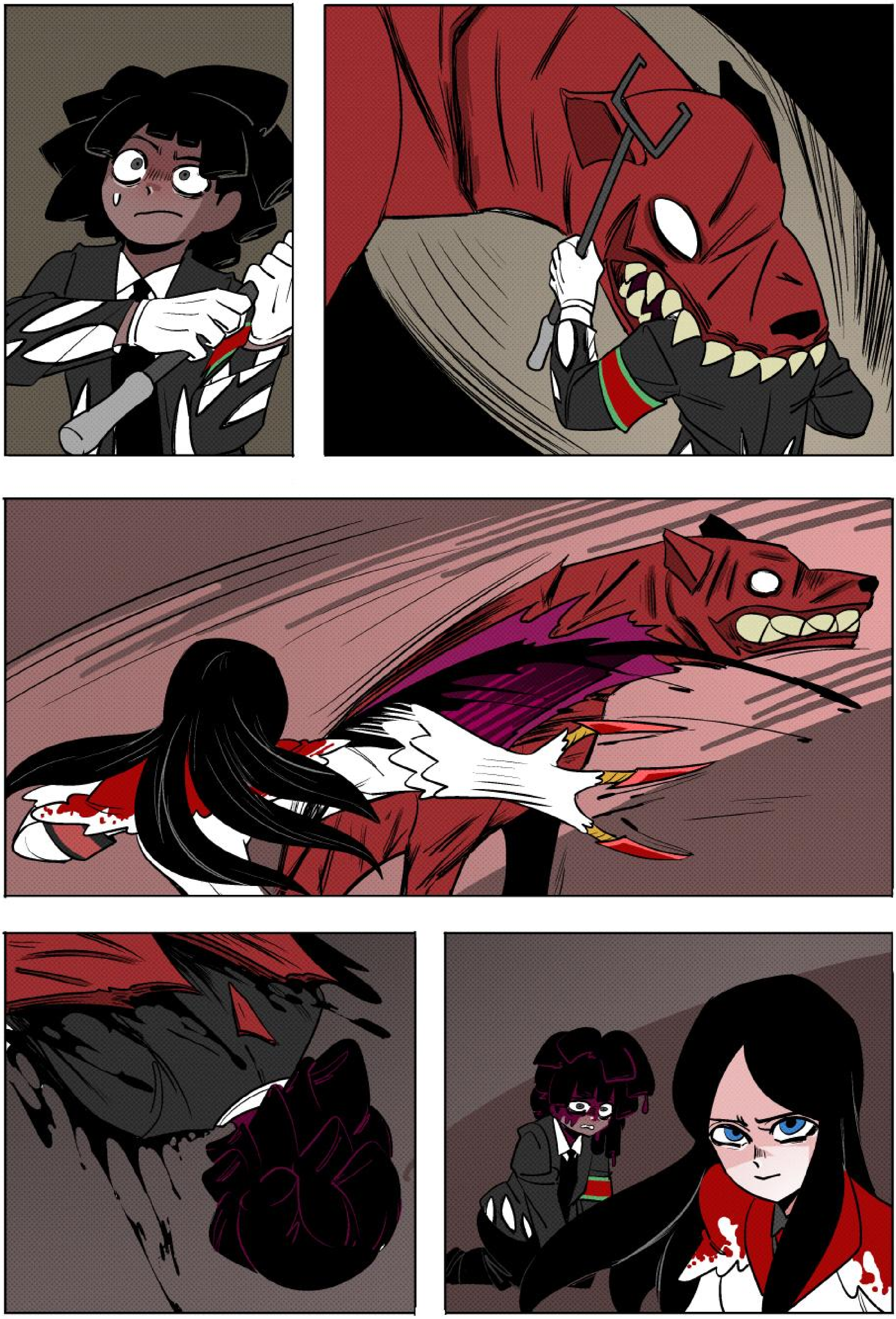
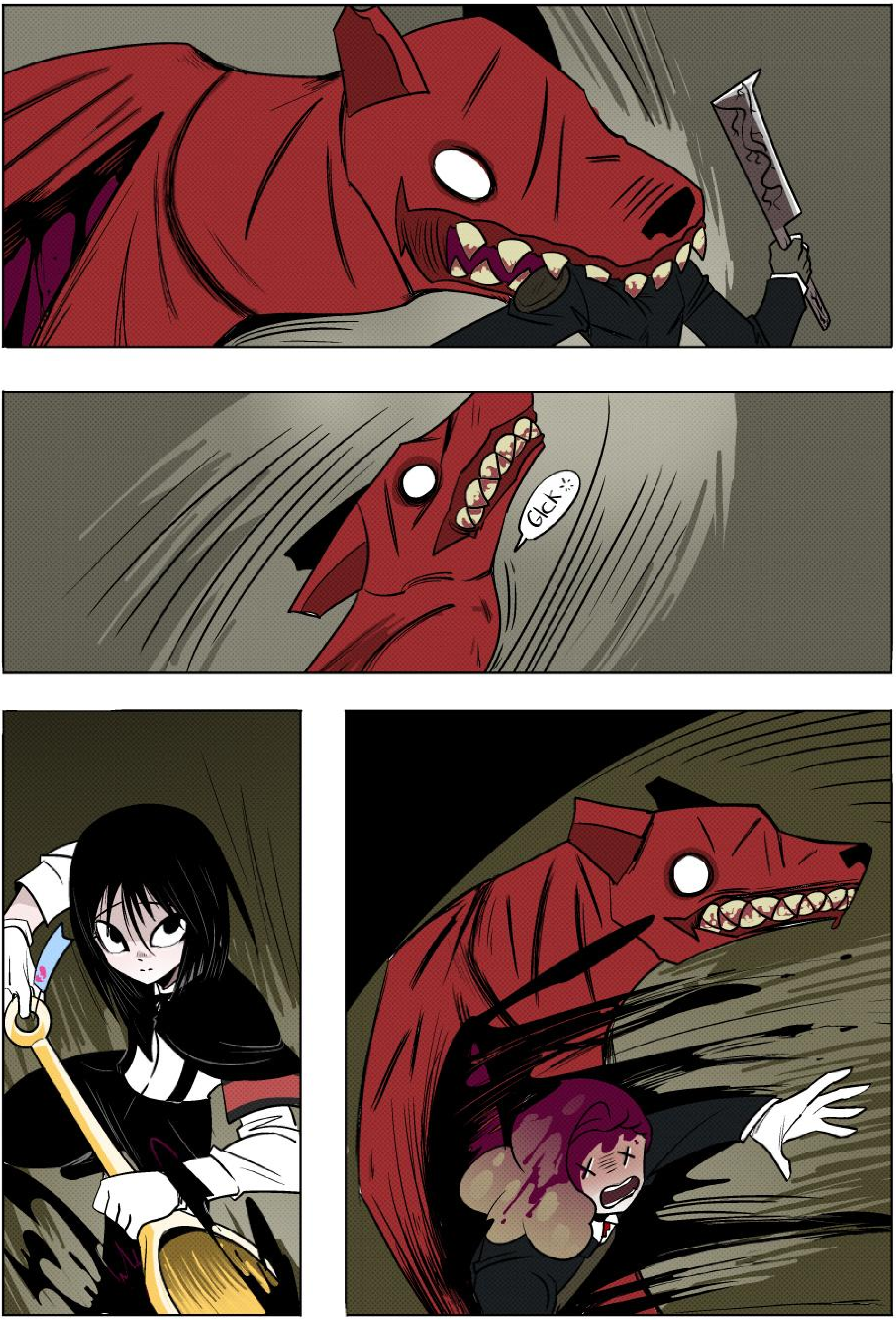



AAAAAH!!
I wait for you, I wait for you;
I wait for you to pet me;
I wait for you to recognize me.

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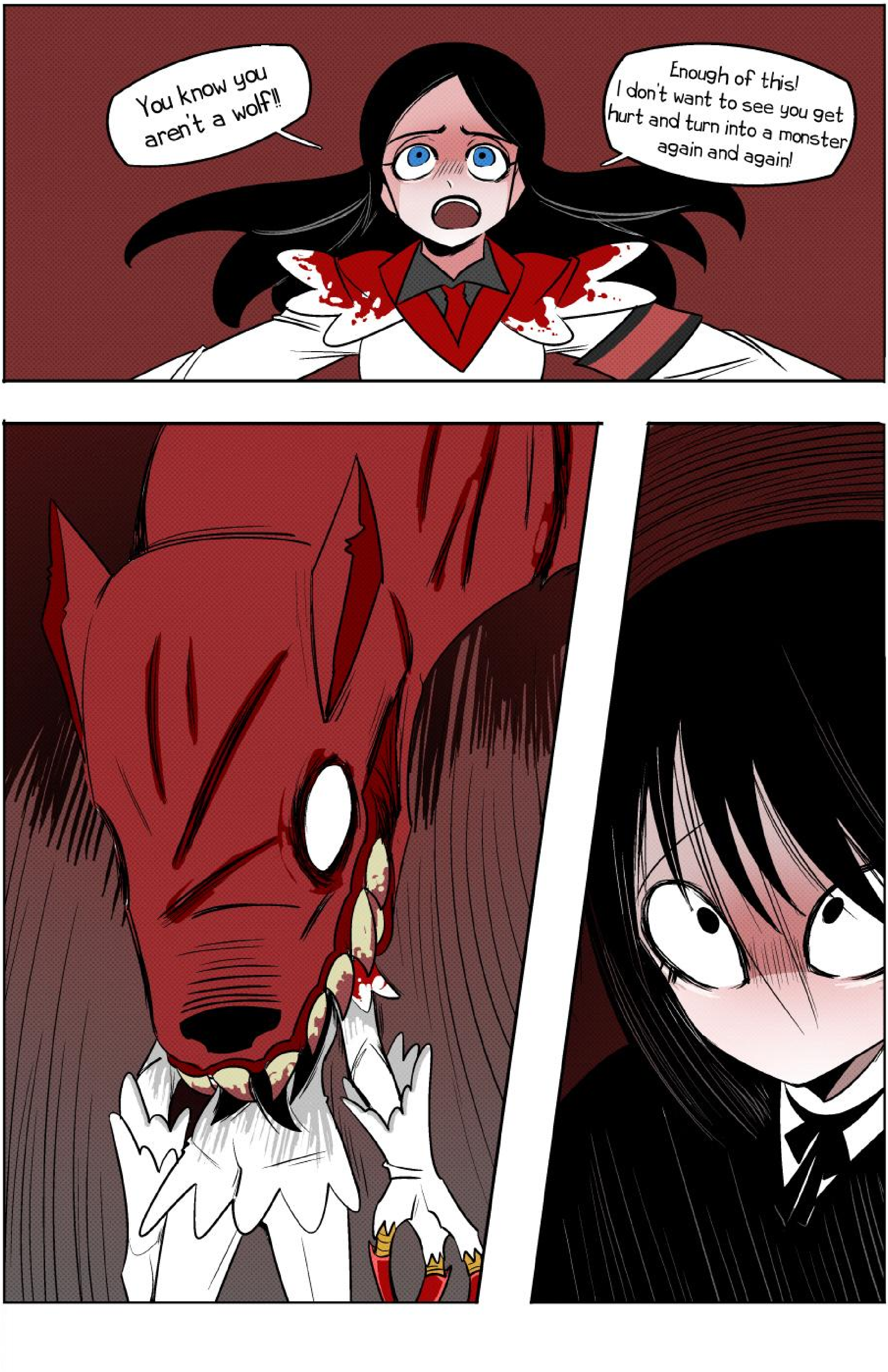
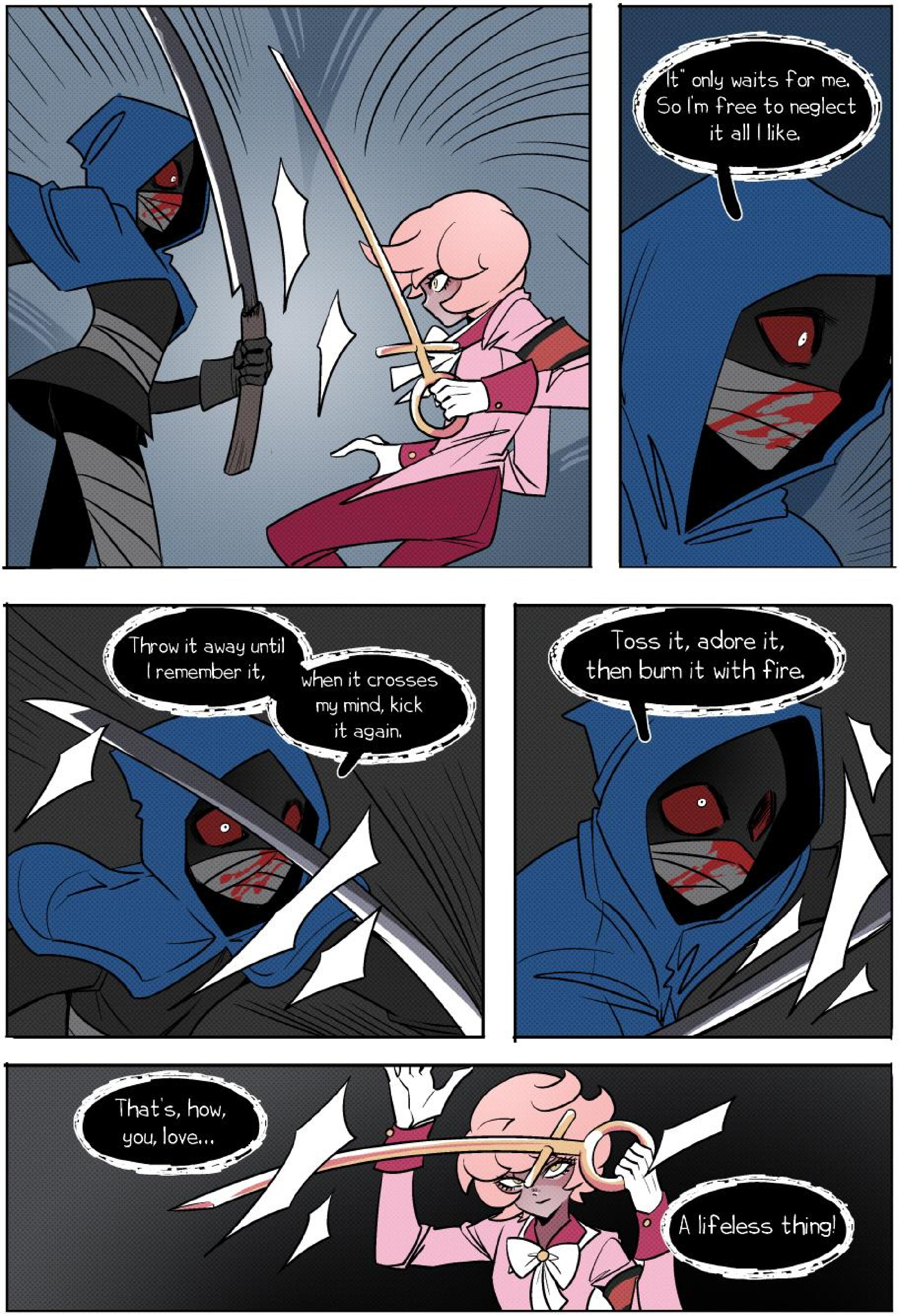
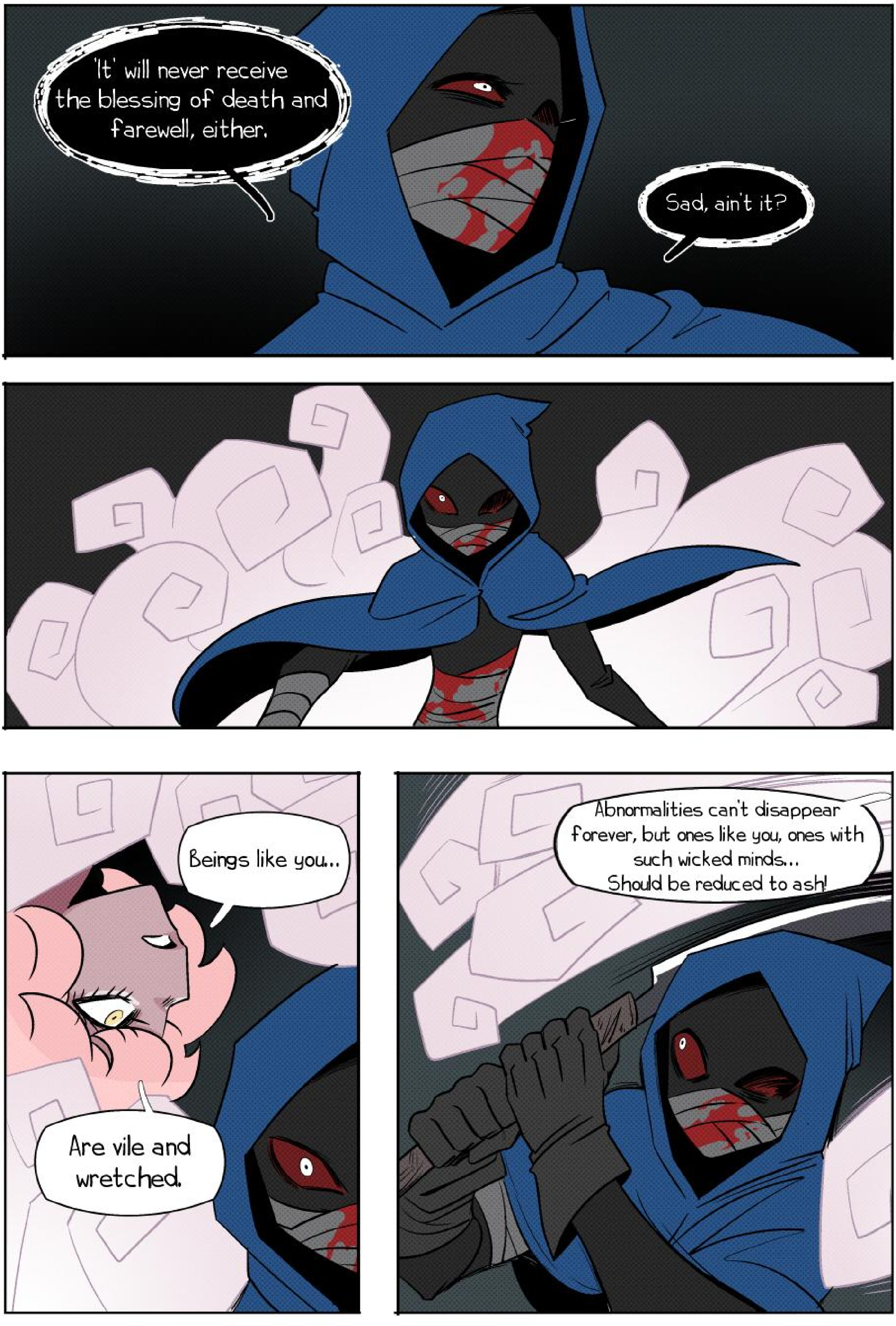
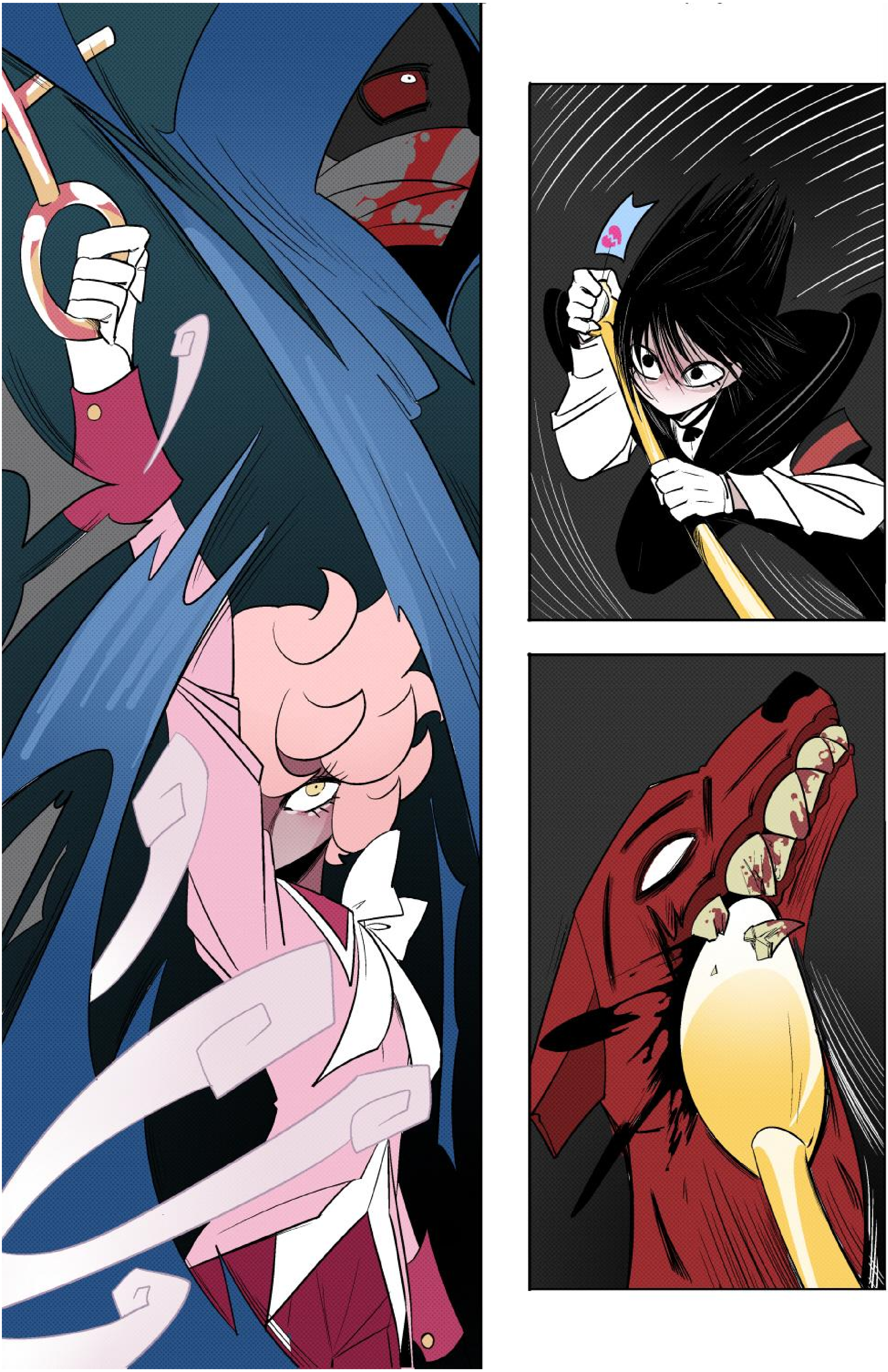
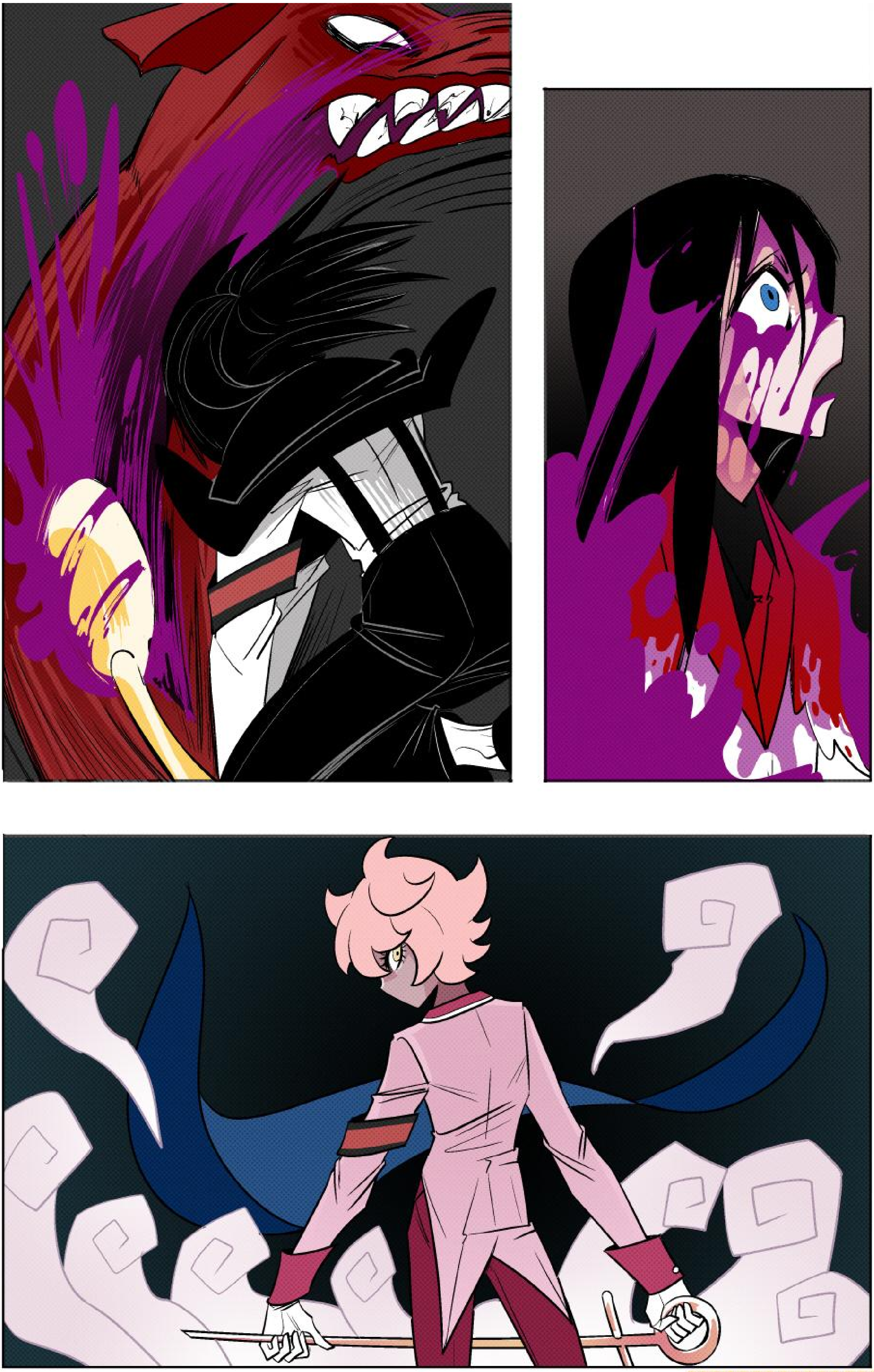

You know you aren't a wolf!!
Enough of this! I don't want to see you get hurt and turn into a monster again and again!


It" only waits for me. So I'm free to neglect it all I like.
Throw it away until I remember it,
when it crosses my mind, kick it again.
Toss it, adore it, then burn it with fire.
That's, how, you, love...
A lifeless thing!


'It' will never receive the blessing of death and farewell, either.
Sad, ain't it?
Beings like you...
Are vile and wretched.
Abnormalities can't disappear forever, but ones like you, ones with such wicked minds...
Should be reduced to ash!





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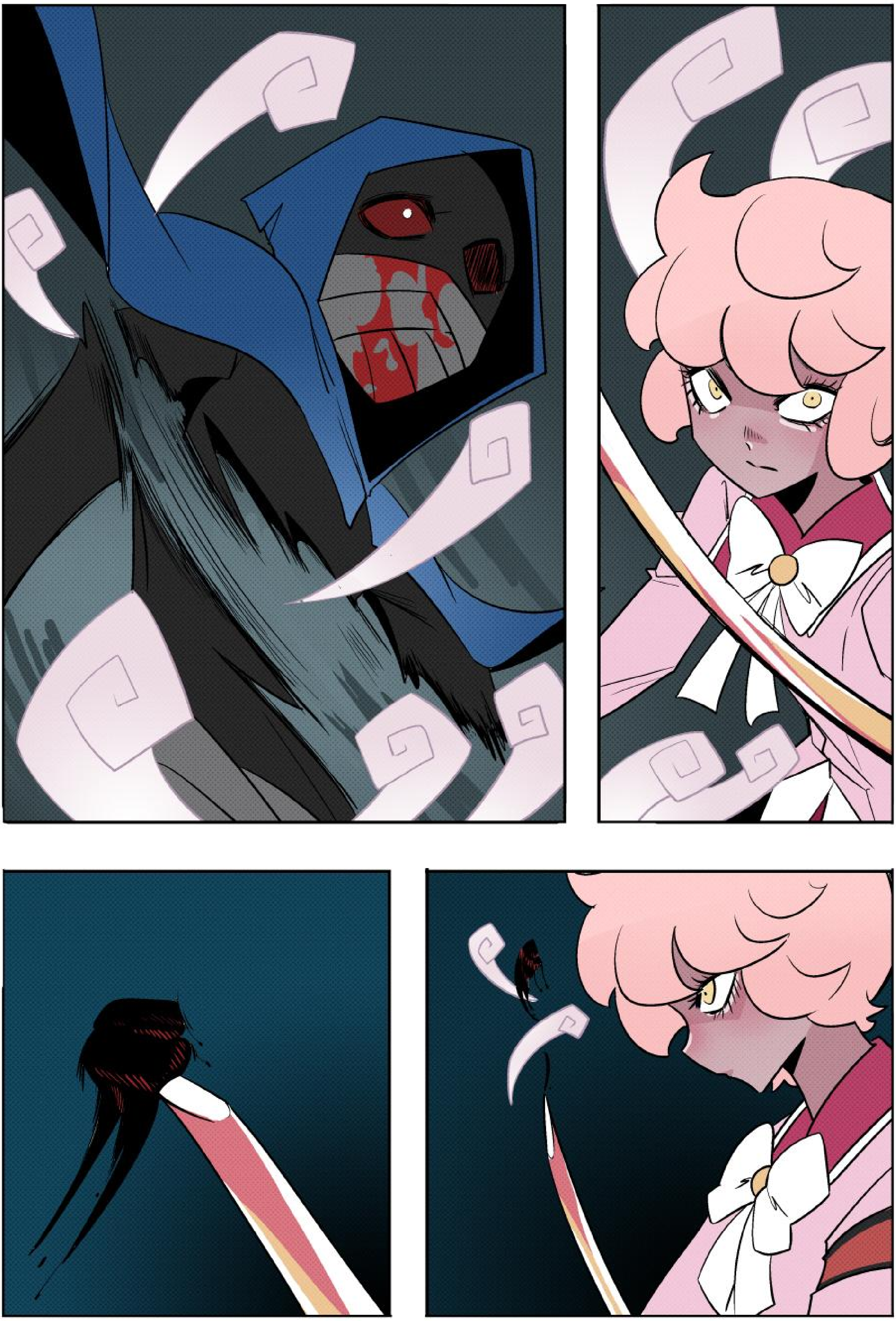
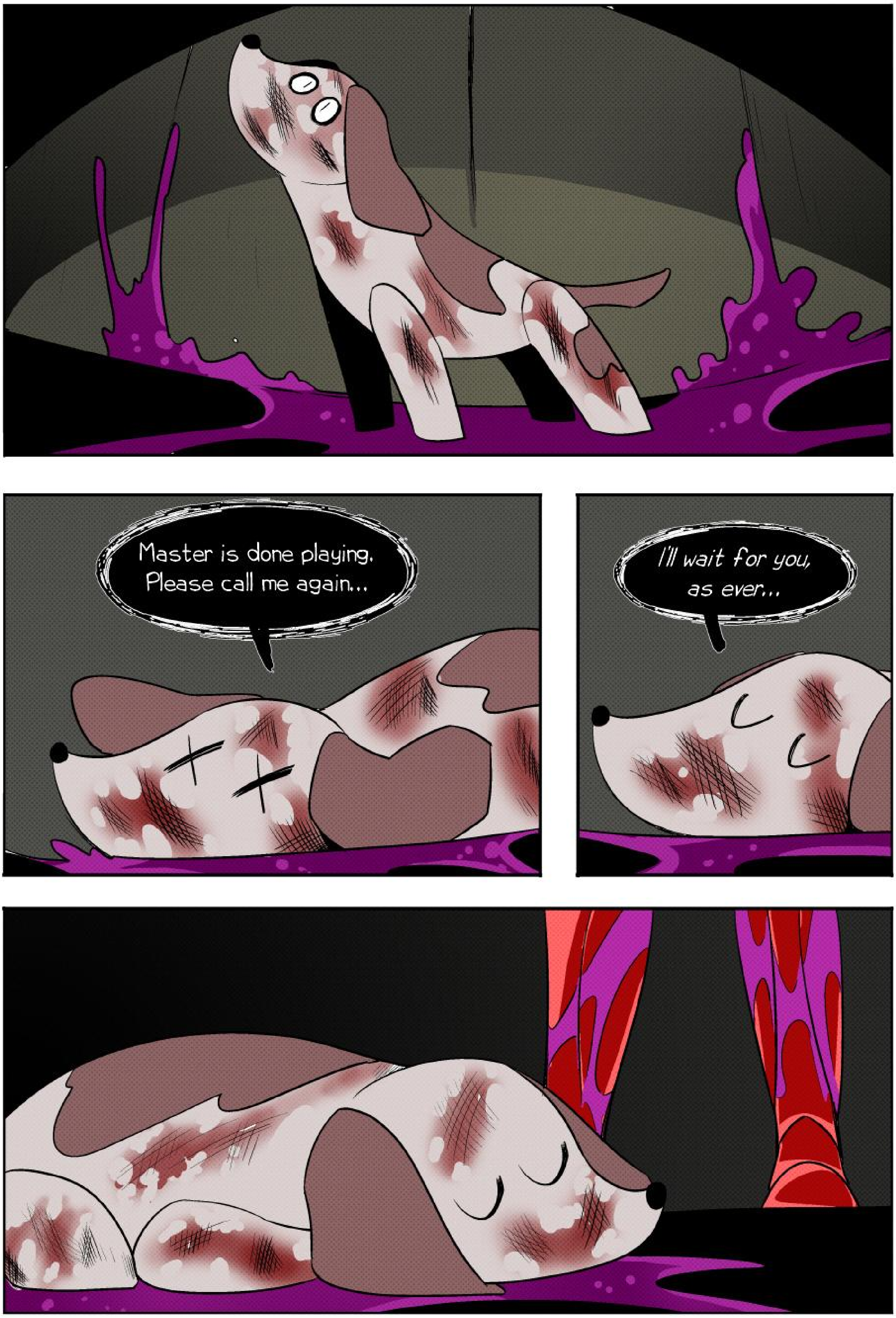
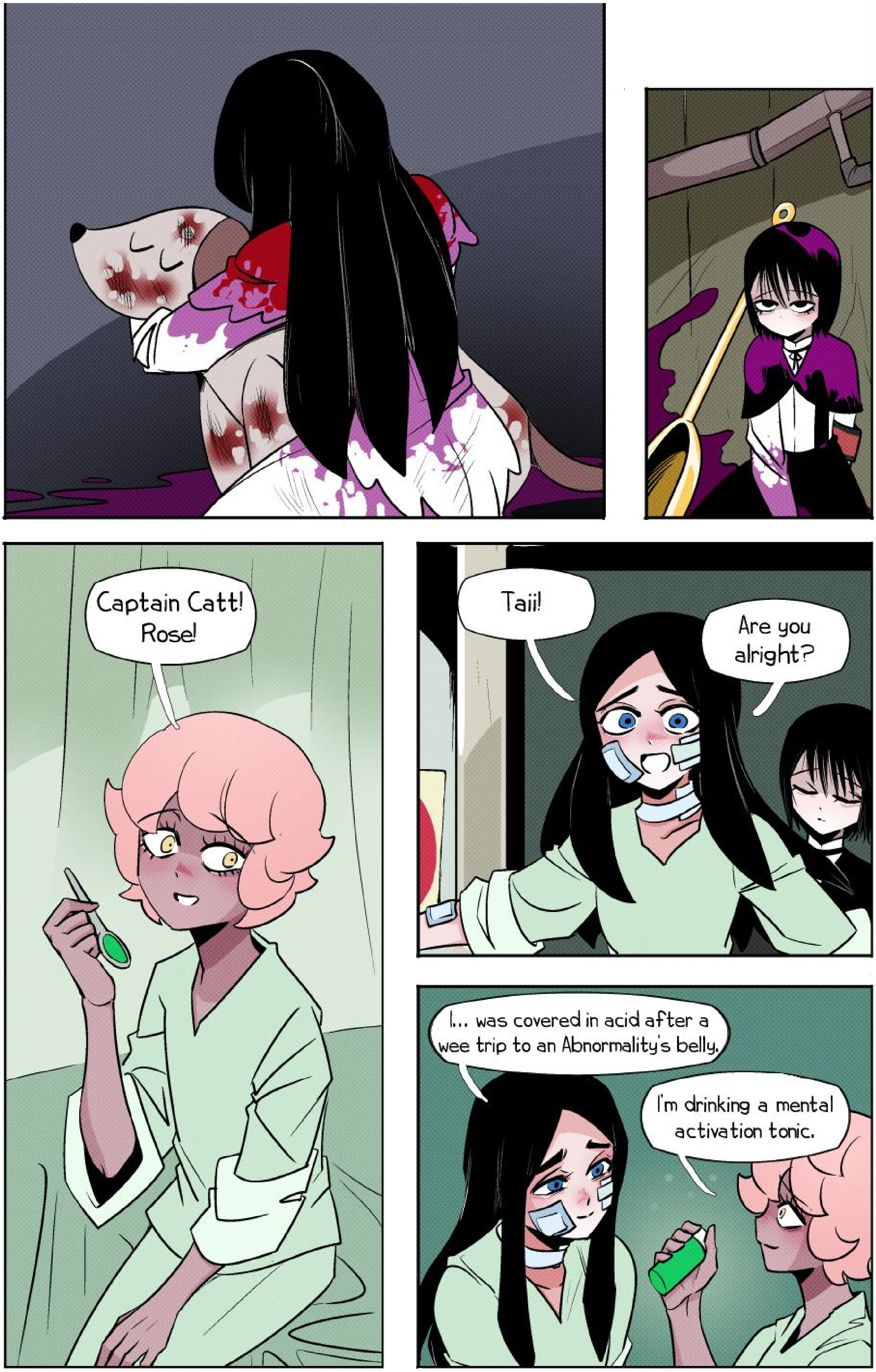
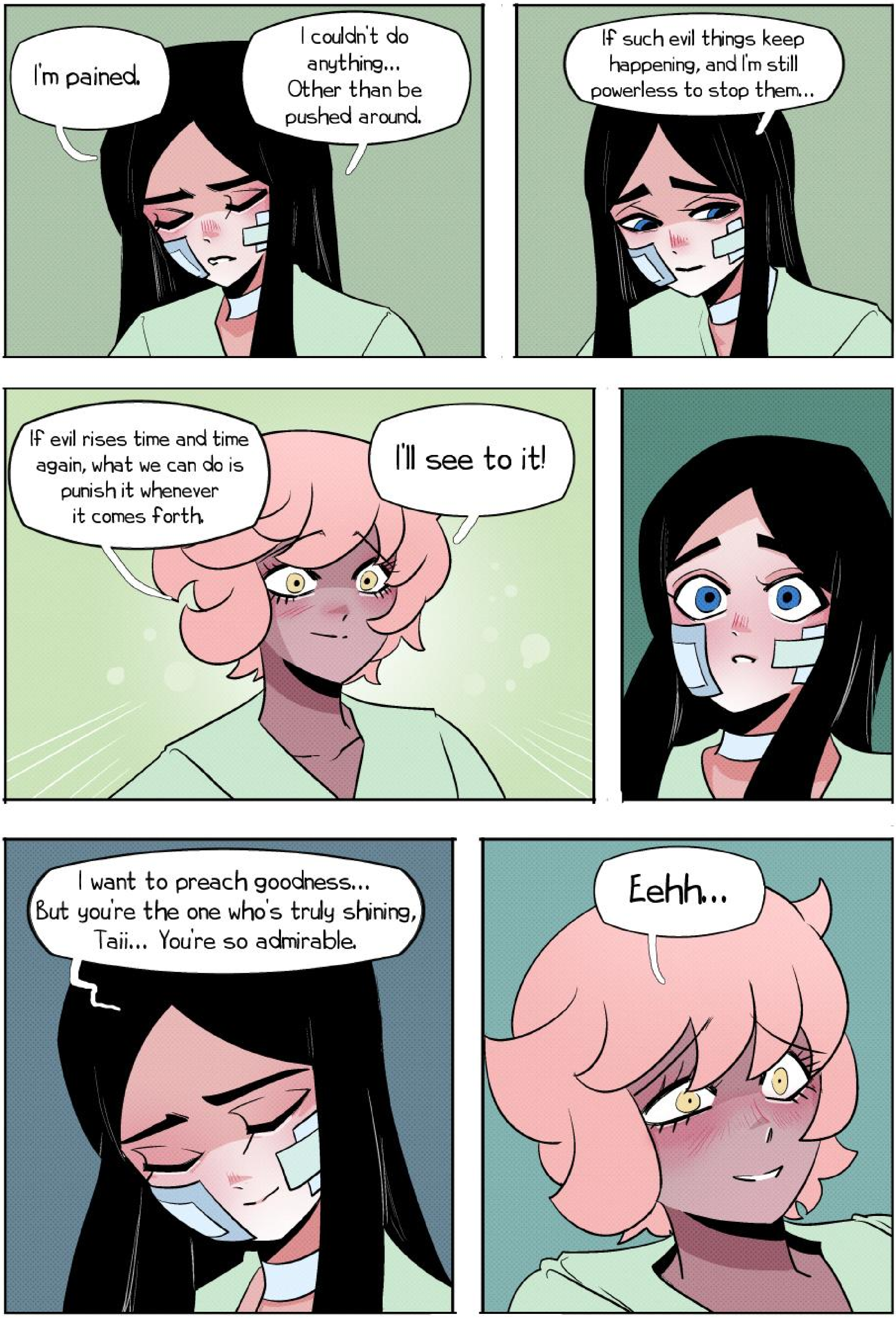
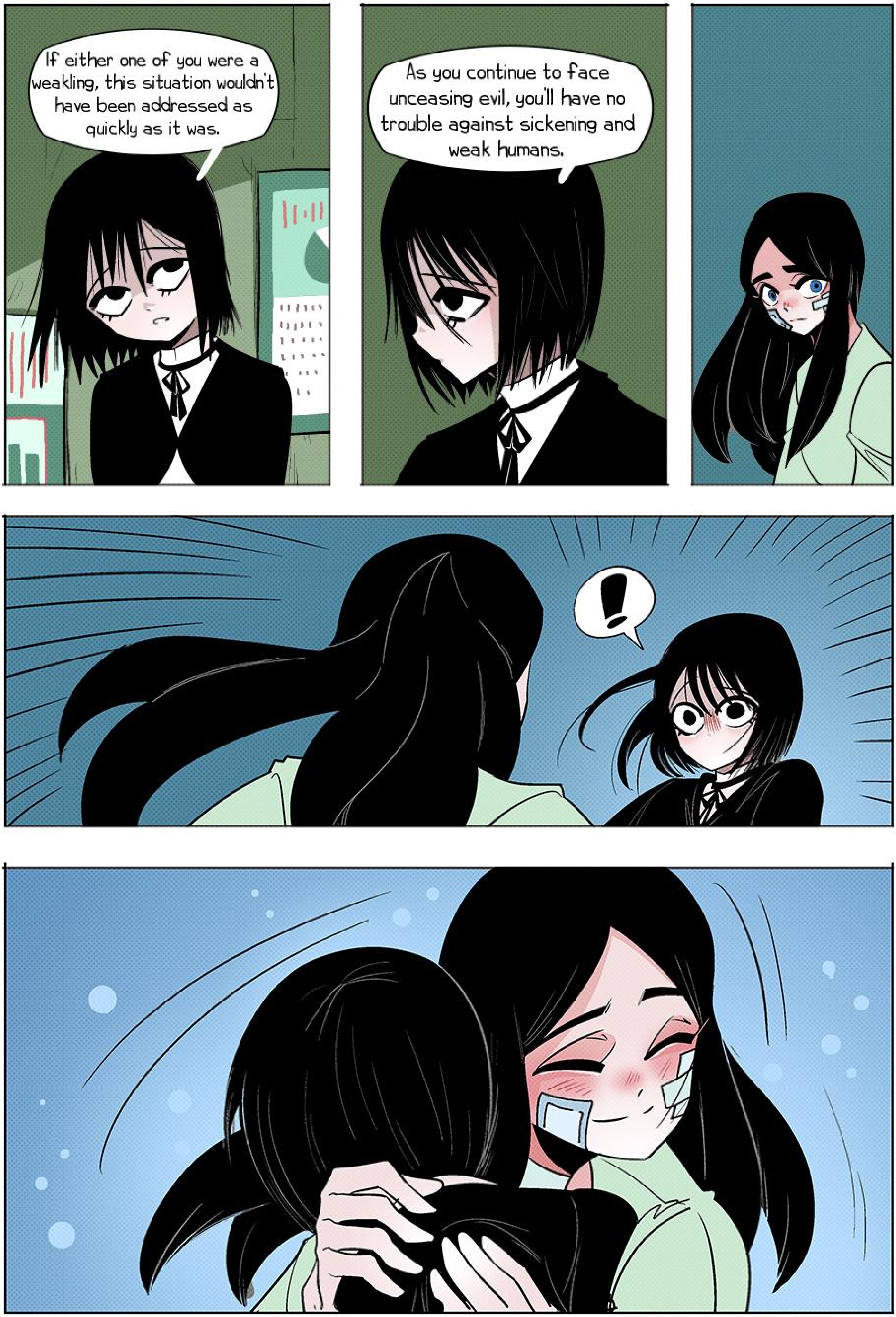



Master is done playing. Please call me again...
I'll wait for you, as ever...


Captain Catt!
Rose!
Taii!
Are you alright?
I... was covered in acid after a wee trip to an Abnormality's belly.
I'm drinking a mental activation tonic.


I'm pained.
I couldn't do anything... Other than be pushed around.
If such evil things keep happening, and I'm still powerless to stop them...
If evil rises time and time again, what we can do is punish it whenever it comes forth.
I'll see to it!
I want to preach goodness... But you're the one who's truly shining, Taii... You're so admirable.
Eehh...


If either one of you were a weakling, this situation wouldn't have been addressed as quickly as it was.
As you continue to face unceasing evil, you'll have no trouble against sickening and weak humans.
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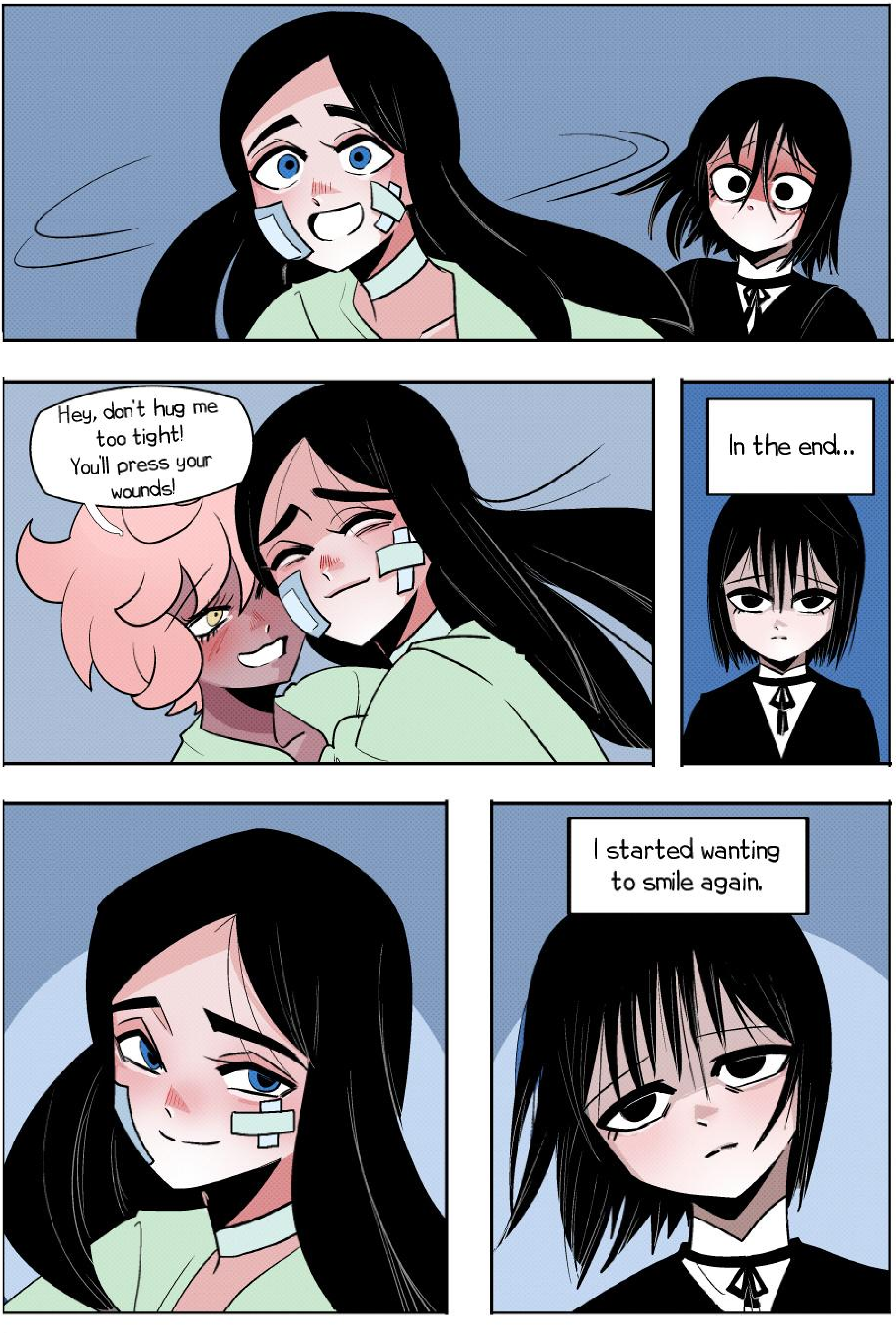
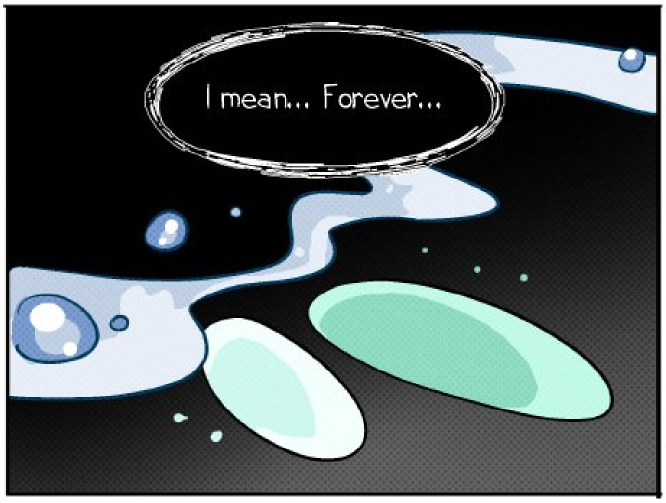
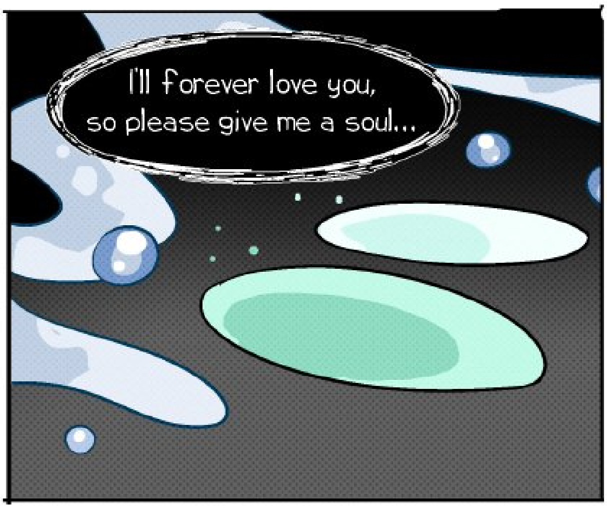
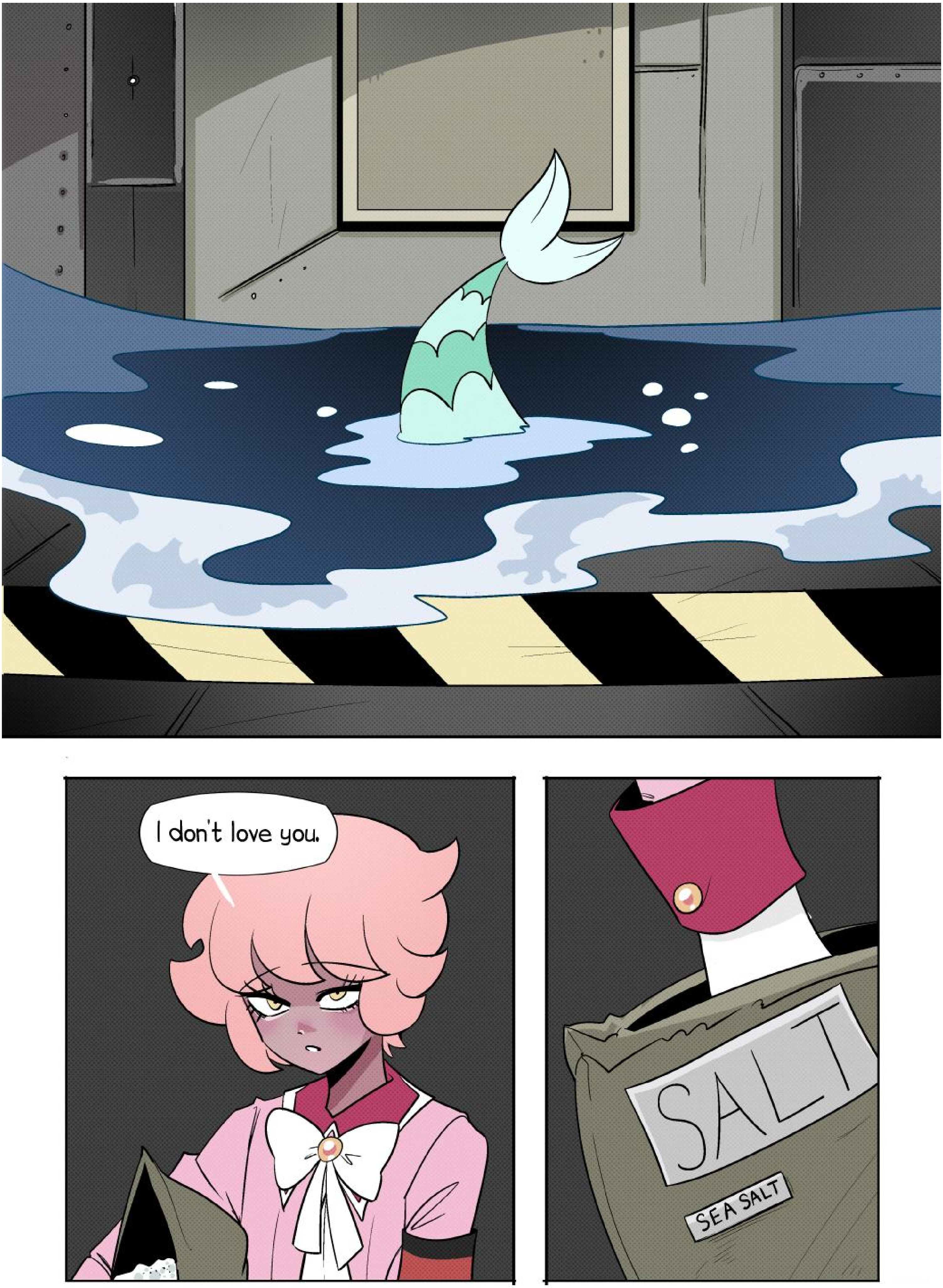
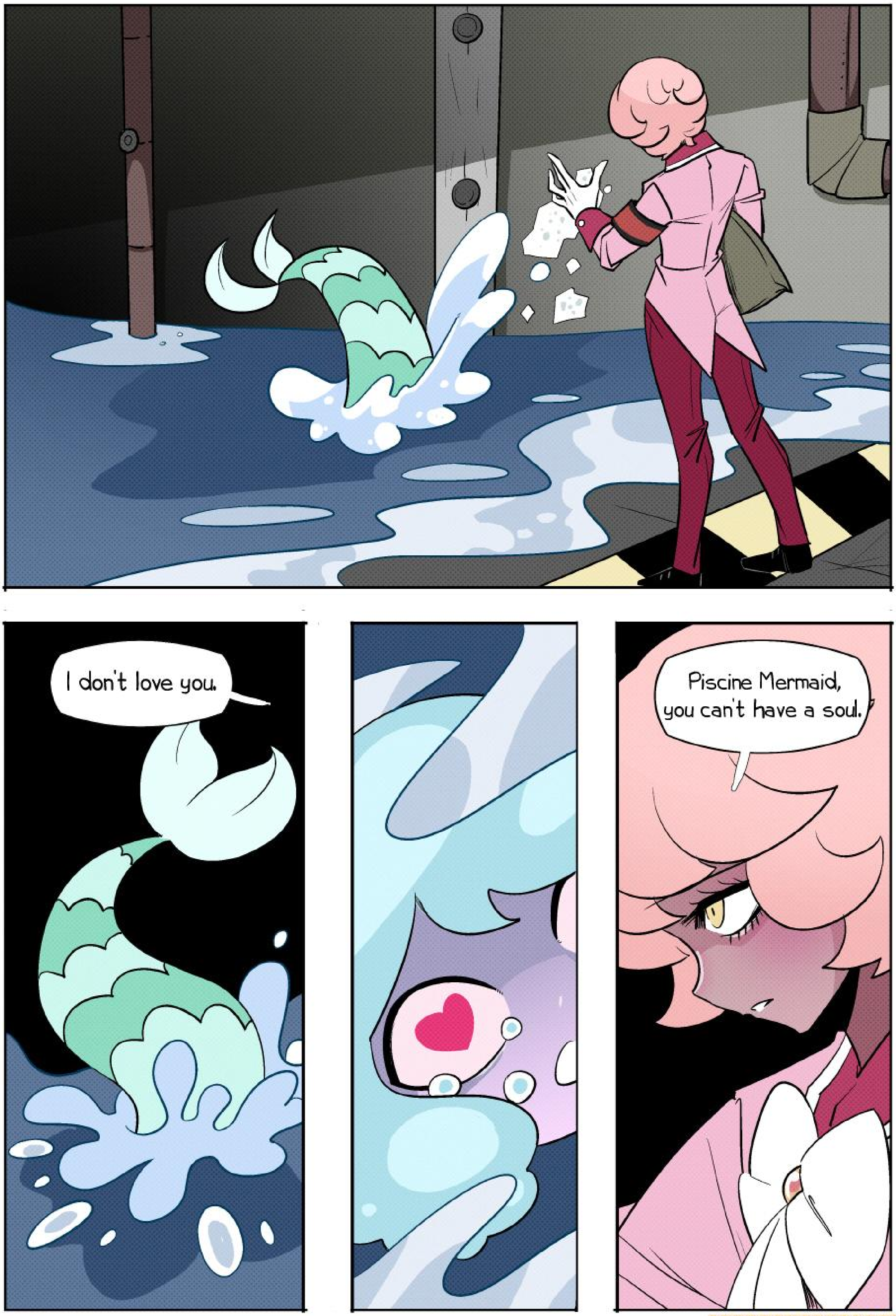

Hey, don't hug me too tight! You'll press your wounds!
In the end...
I started wanting to smile again.


I mean... Forever...


I'll forever love you, so please give me a soul...


I don't love you.
SALT
SEA SALT


I don't love you.
Piscine Mermaid, you can't have a soul.

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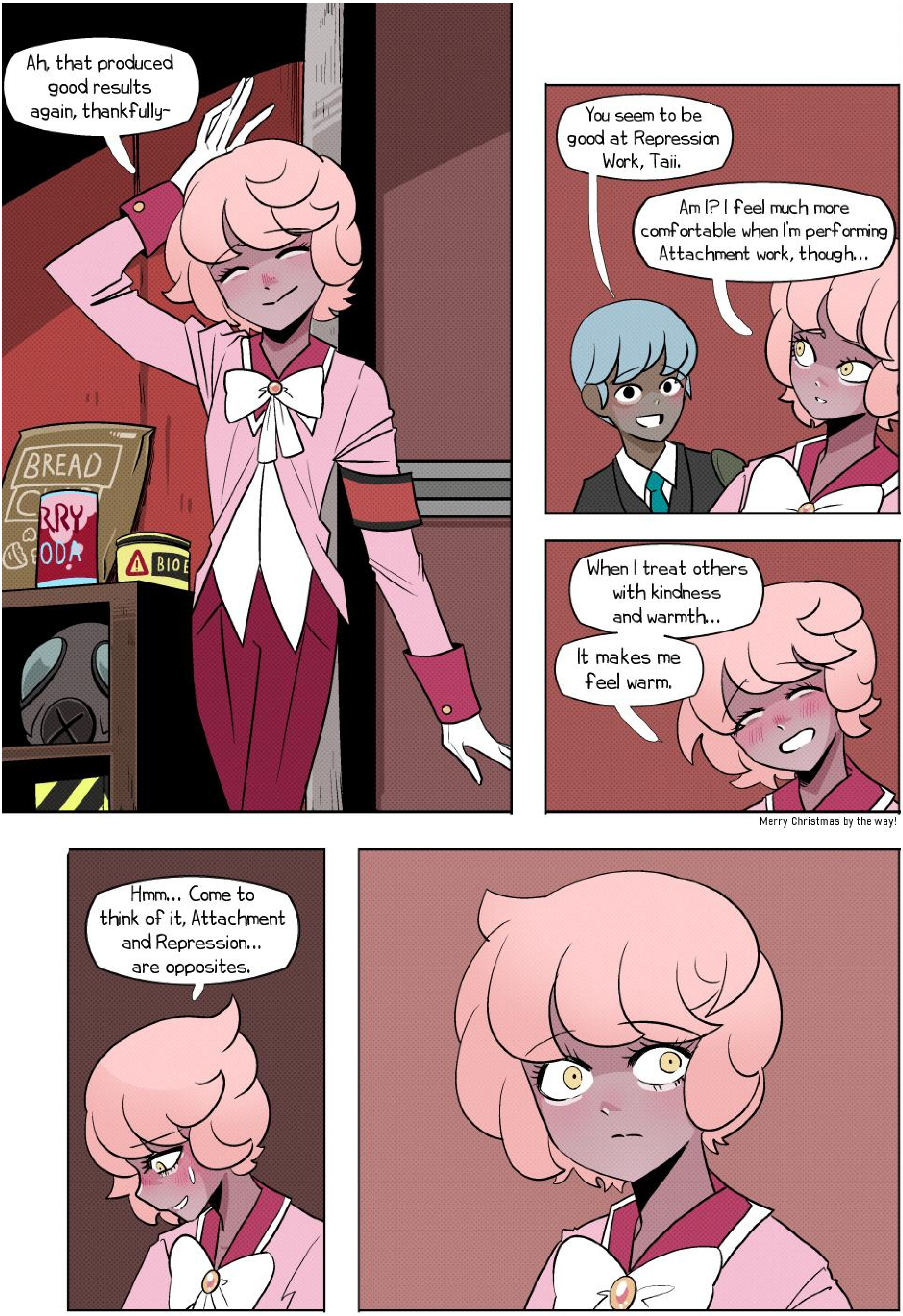
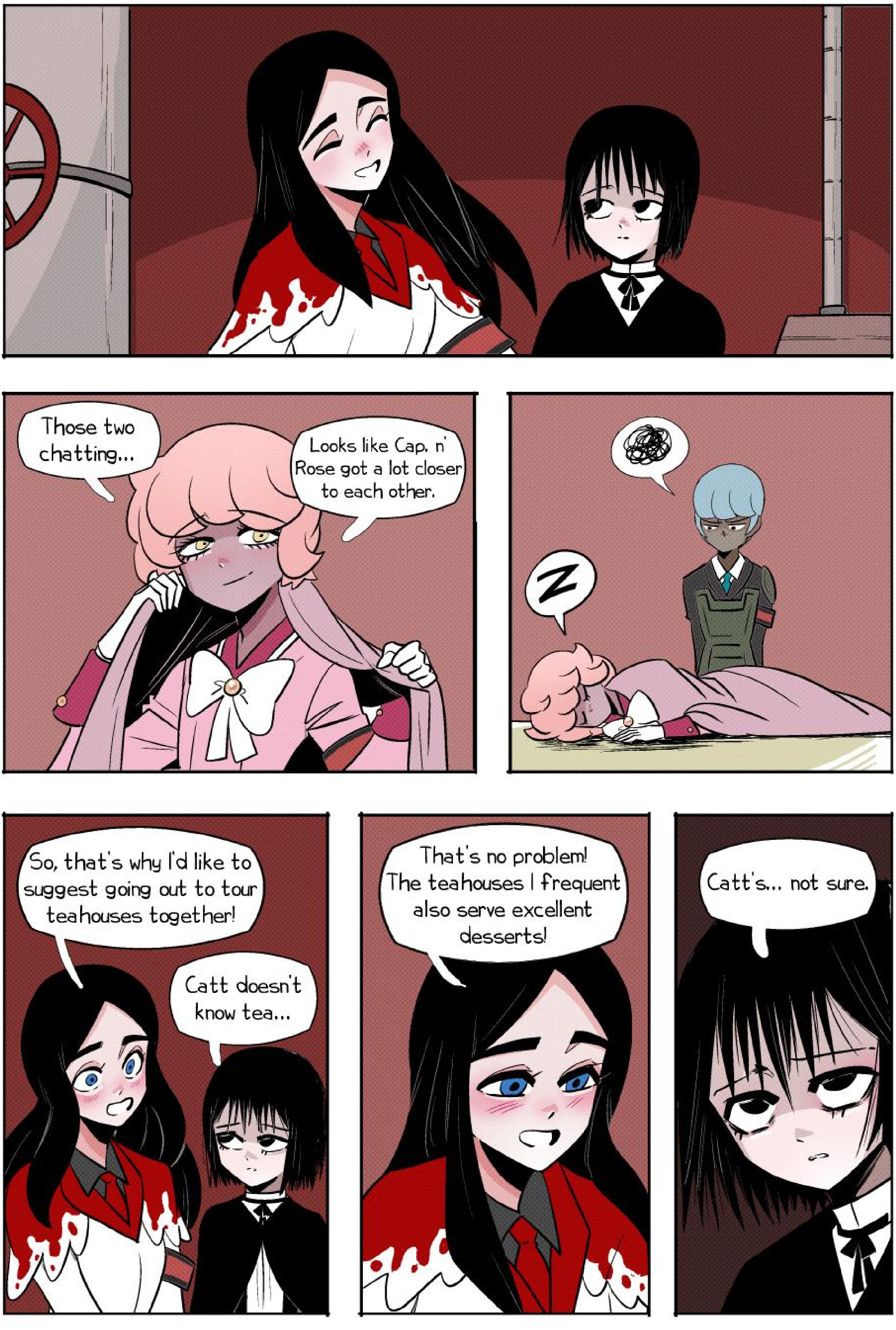

Ah, that produced good results again, thankfully~
BREAD
RRY
ODA
BIO E
You seem to be good at Repression Work, Taii.
Am I? I feel much more comfortable when I'm performing Attachment work, though...
When I treat others with kindness and warmth...
It makes me feel warm.
Hmm... Come to think of it, Attachment and Repression... are opposites.

Merry Christmas by the way!


Those two chatting...
Looks like Cap. n' Rose got a lot closer to each other.
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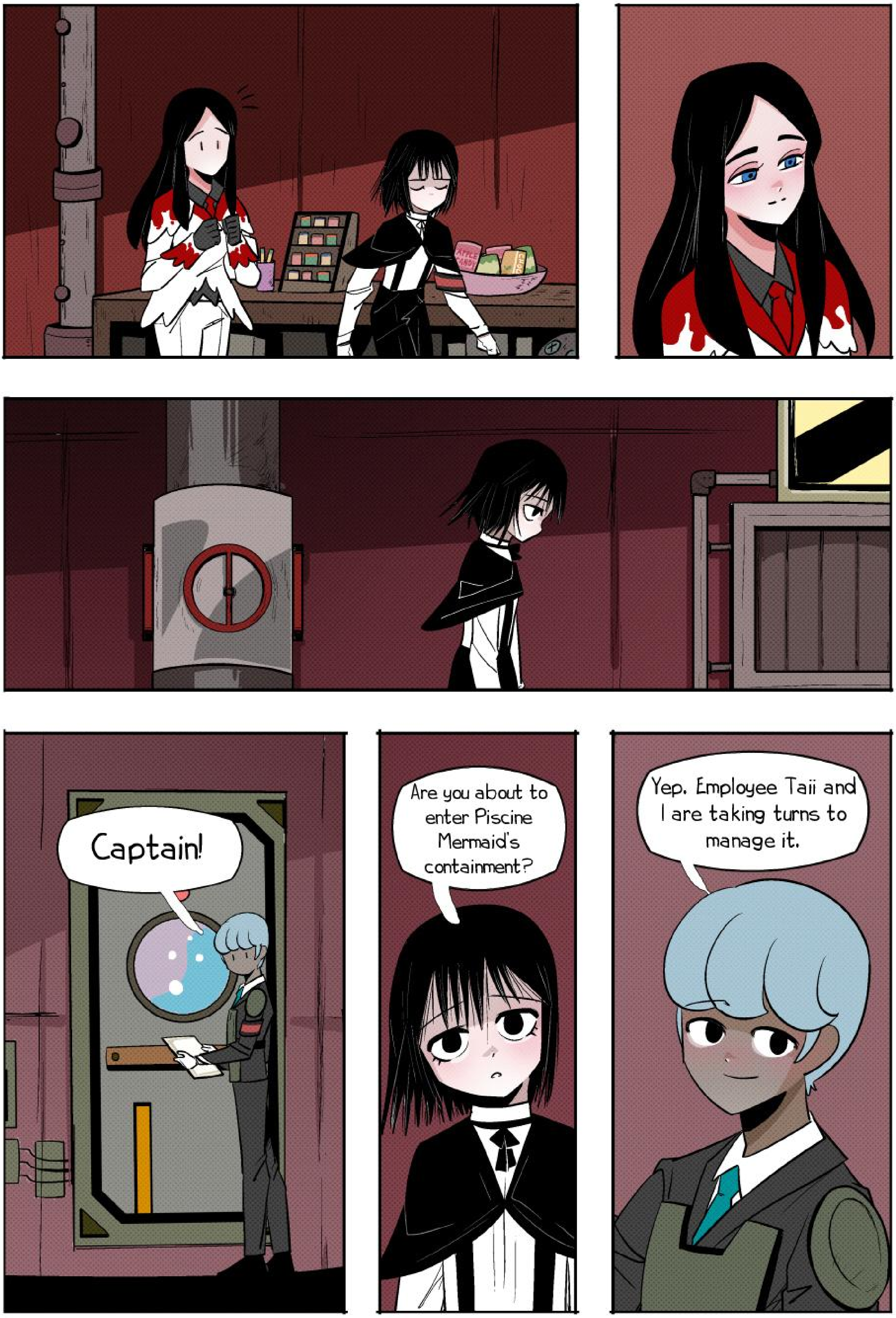
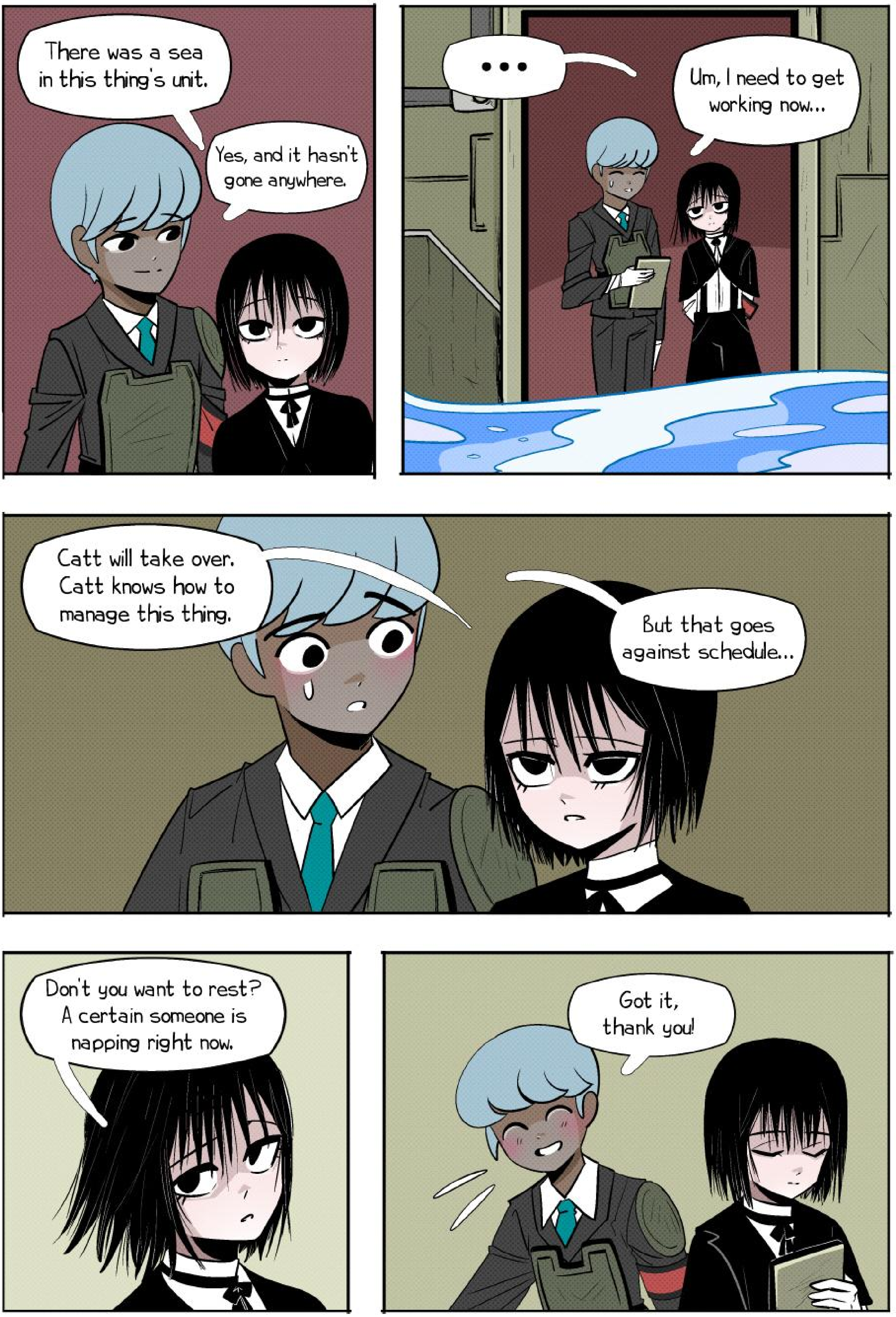
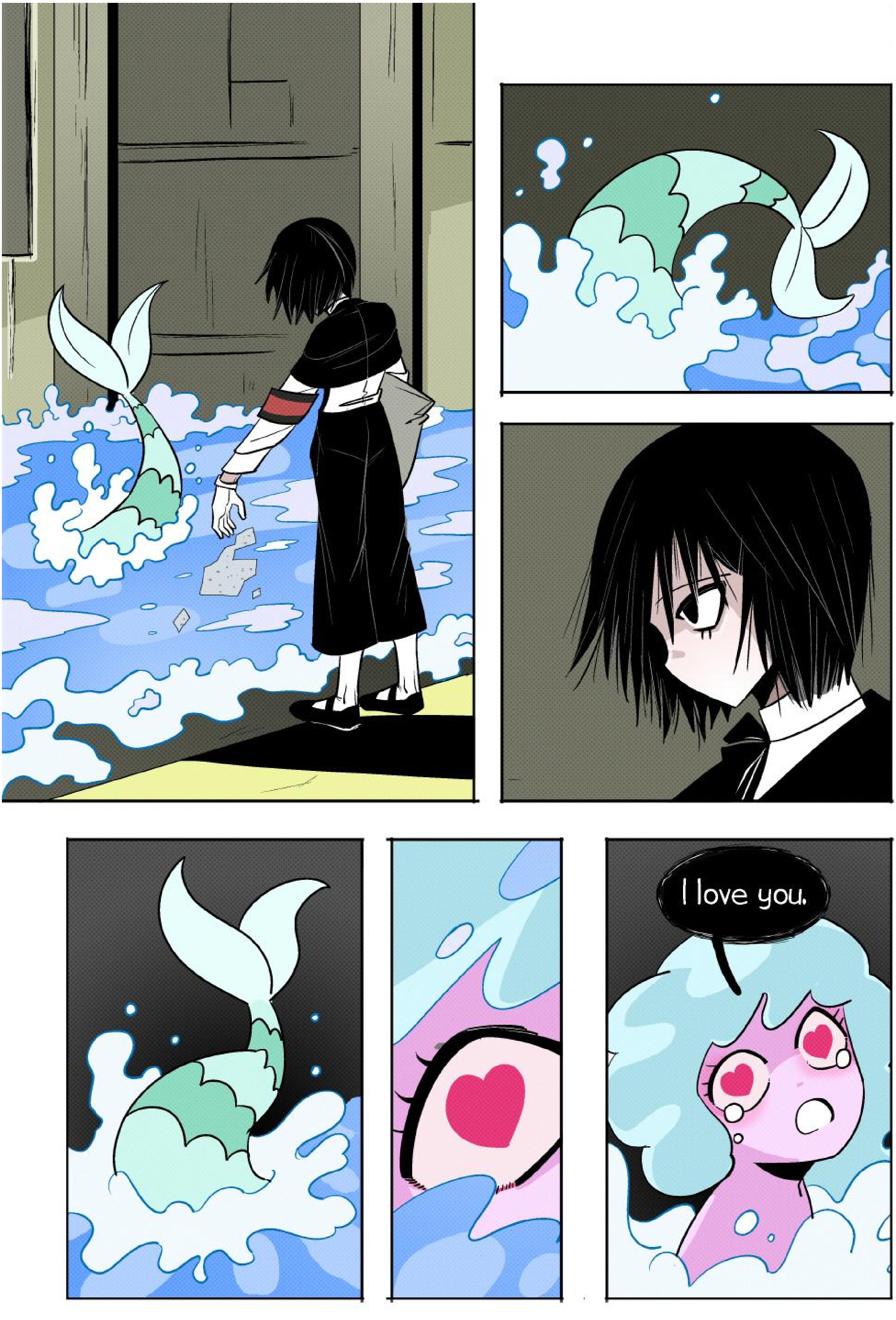
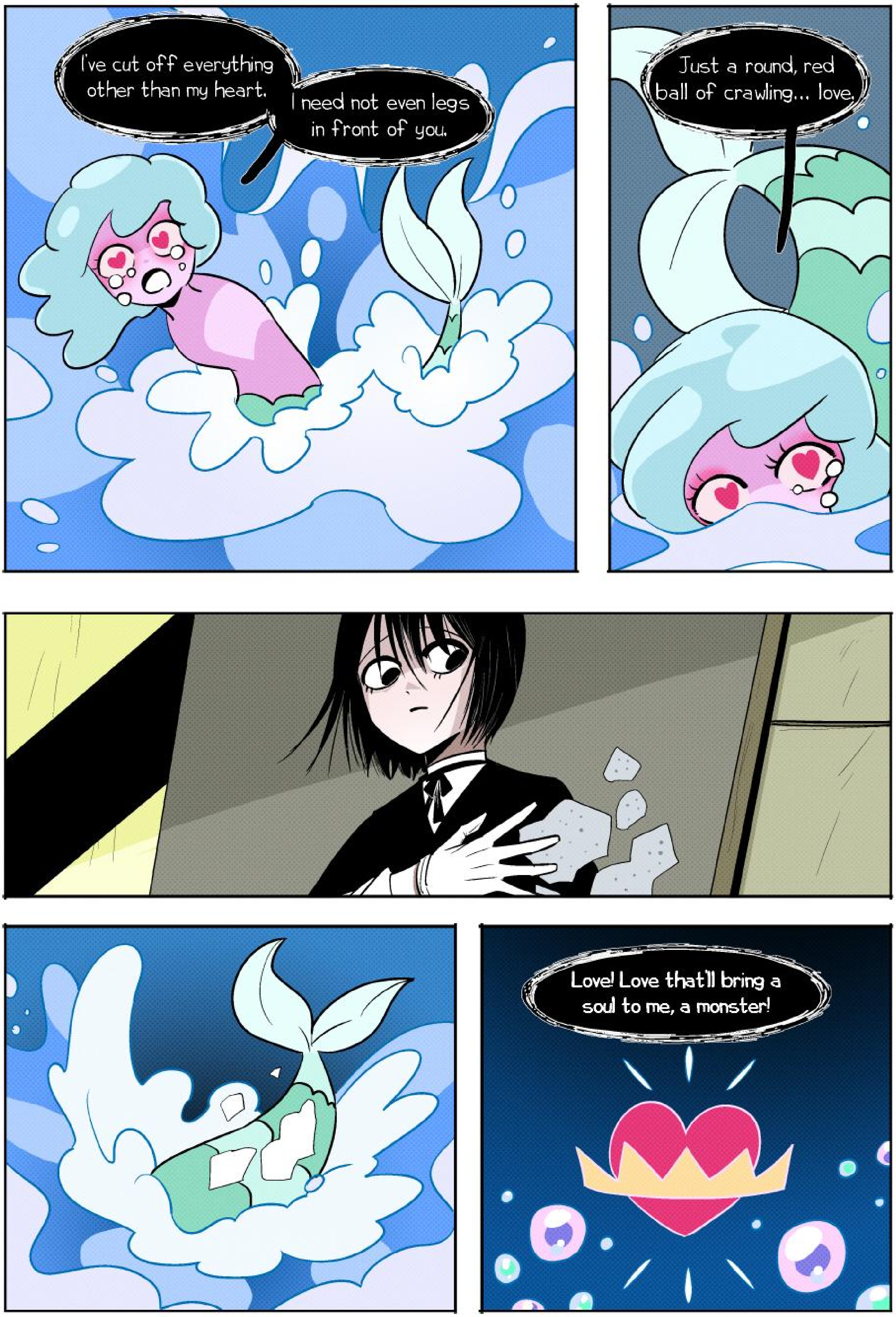
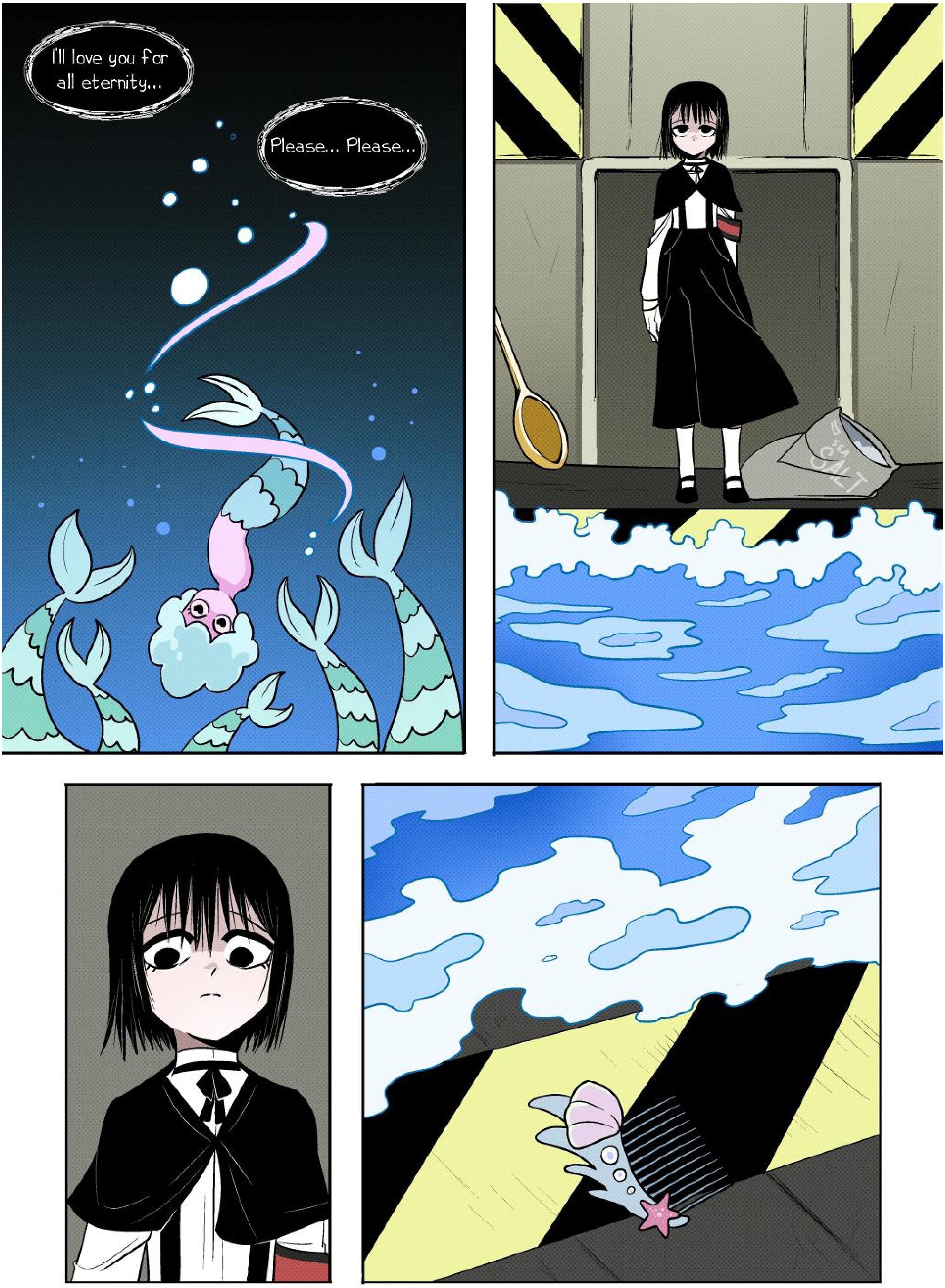
So, that's why I'd like to suggest going out to tour teahouses together!
Catt doesn't know tea...
That's no problem! The teahouses I frequent also serve excellent desserts!
Catt's... not sure.

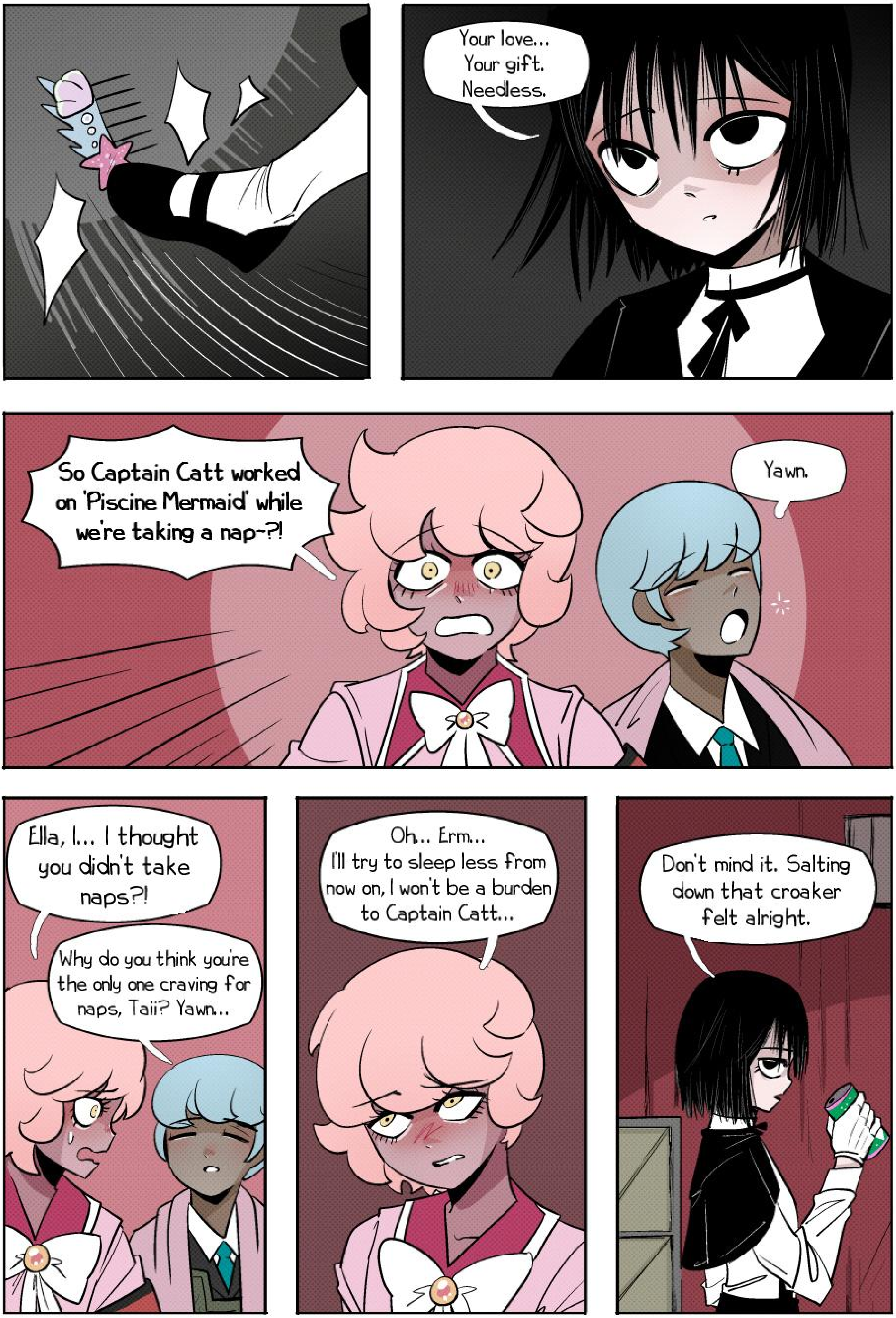

Captain!
Are you about to enter Piscine Mermaid's containment?
Yep. Employee Taii and I are taking turns to manage it.

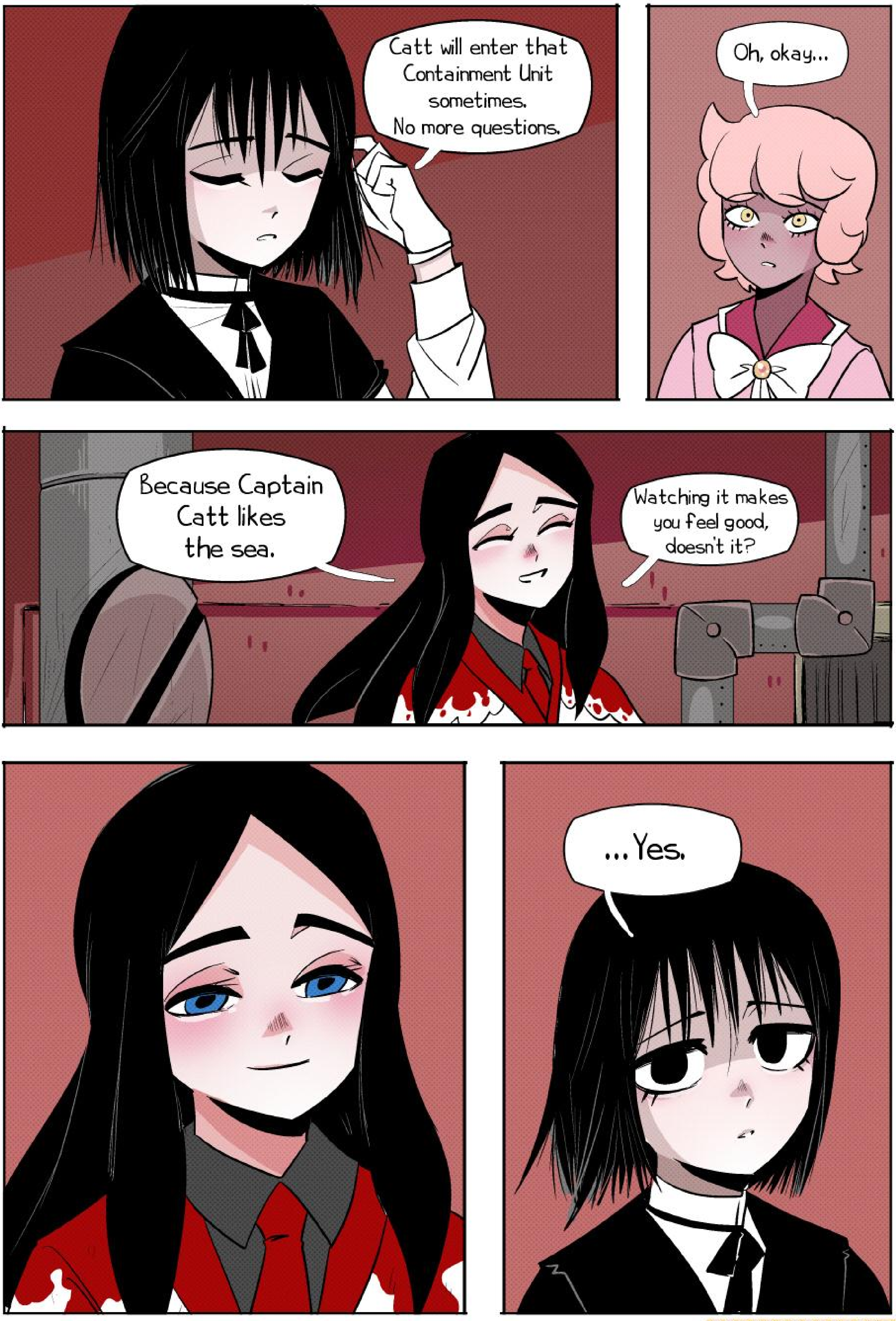

There was a sea in this thing's unit.
Yes, and it hasn't gone anywhere.
...
Um, I need to get working now...
Catt will take over. Catt knows how to manage this thing.
But that goes against schedule...
Don't you want to rest? A certain someone is napping right now.
Got it, thank you!


I love you.


I've cut off everything other than my heart.
I need not even legs in front of you.
Just a round, red ball of crawling... love.
Love! Love that'll bring a soul to me, a monster!


I'll love you for all eternity...
Please... Please...
SEA SALT


Your love... Your gift. Needless.
So Captain Catt worked on 'Piscine Mermaid' while we're taking a nap-?!
Yawn.
Ella, I... I thought you didn't take naps?!
Why do you think you're the only one craving for naps, Taii? Yawn...
Oh... Erm... I'll try to sleep less from now on, I won't be a burden to Captain Catt...
Don't mind it. Salting down that croaker felt alright.


Catt will enter that Containment Unit sometimes.
No more questions.
Oh, okay...
Because Captain Catt likes the sea.
Watching it makes you feel good, doesn't it?
...Yes.

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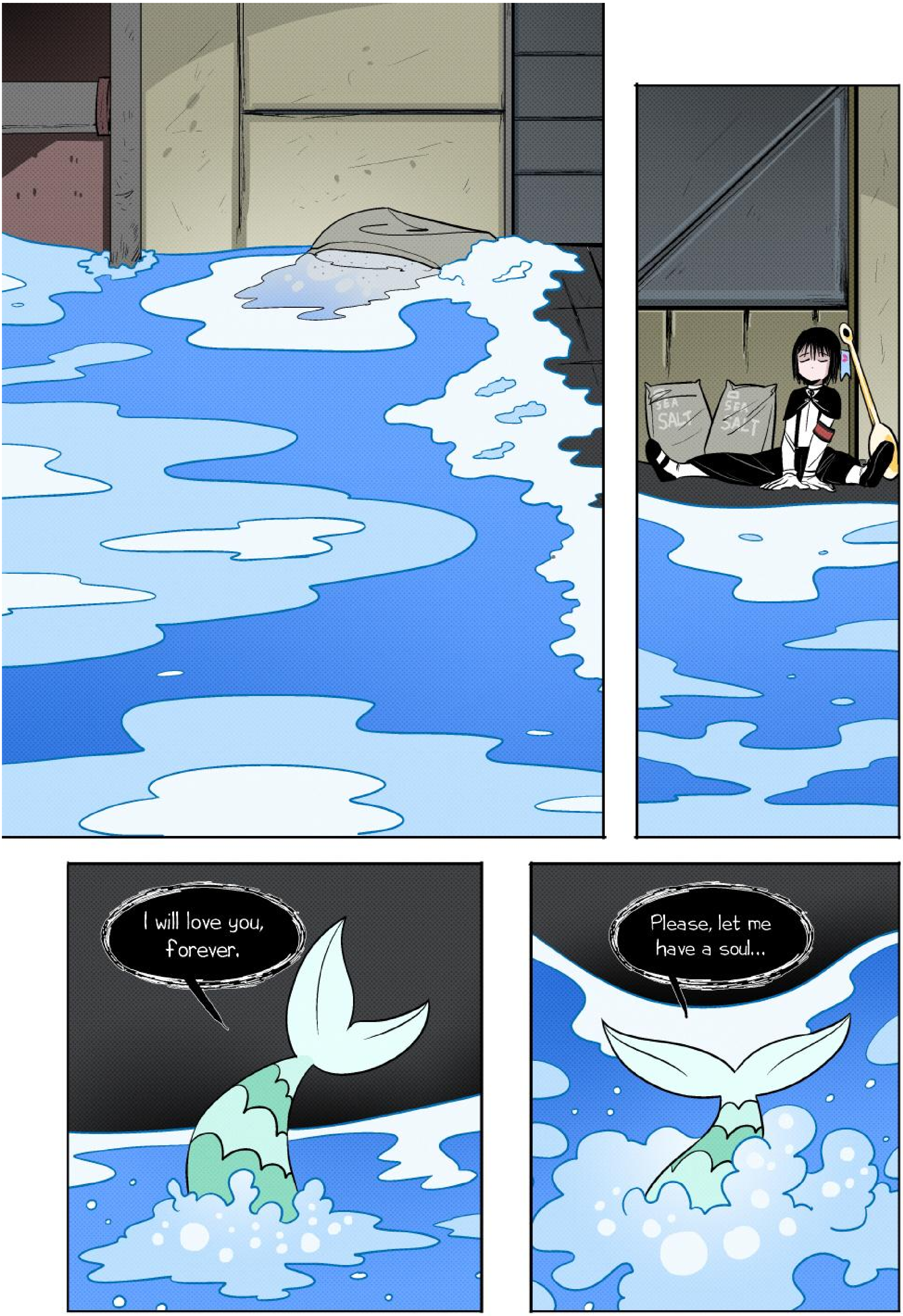
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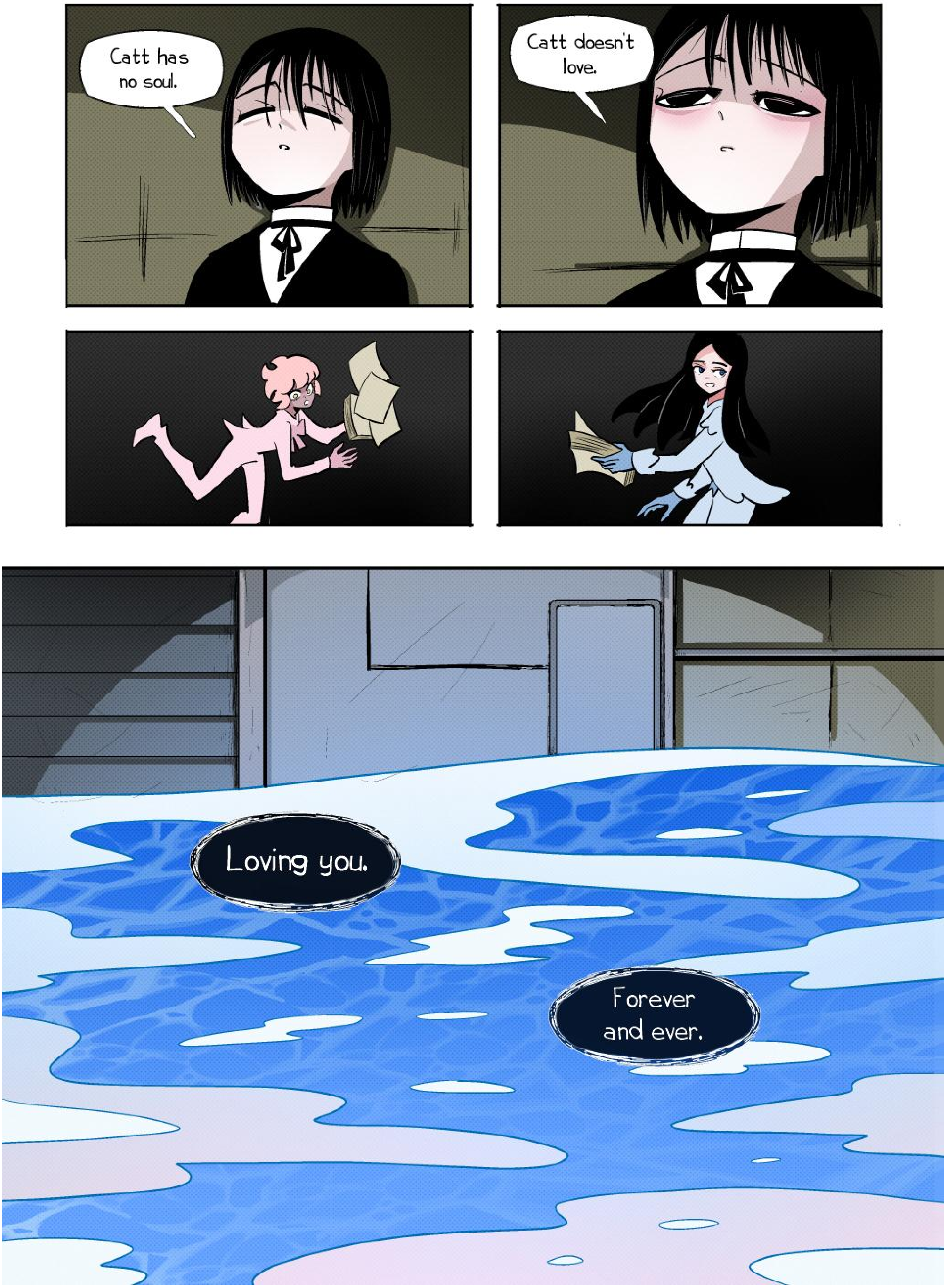
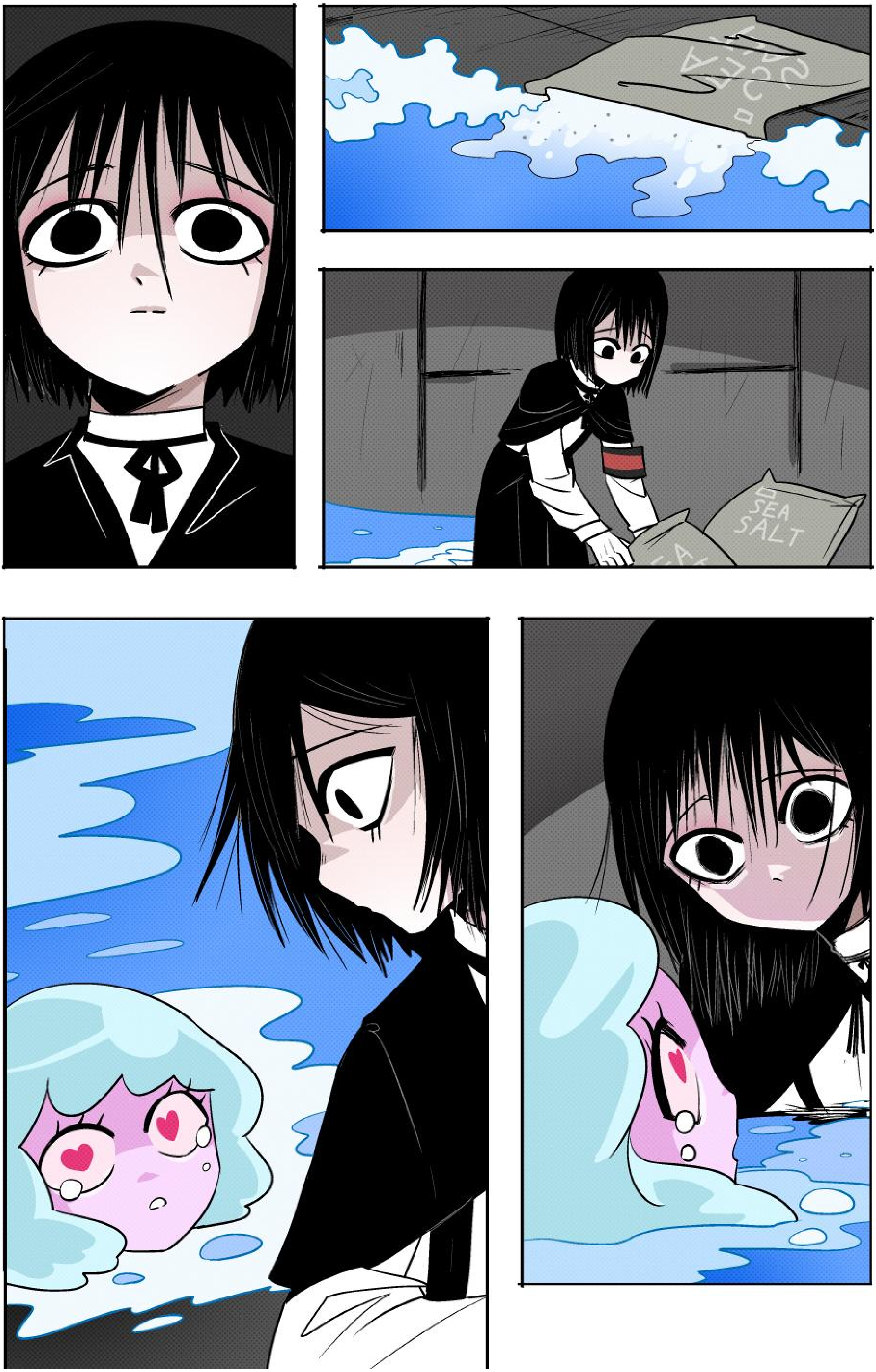
I will love you, forever.
Please, let me have a soul...


Catt has no soul.
Catt doesn't love.
Loving you.
Forever and ever.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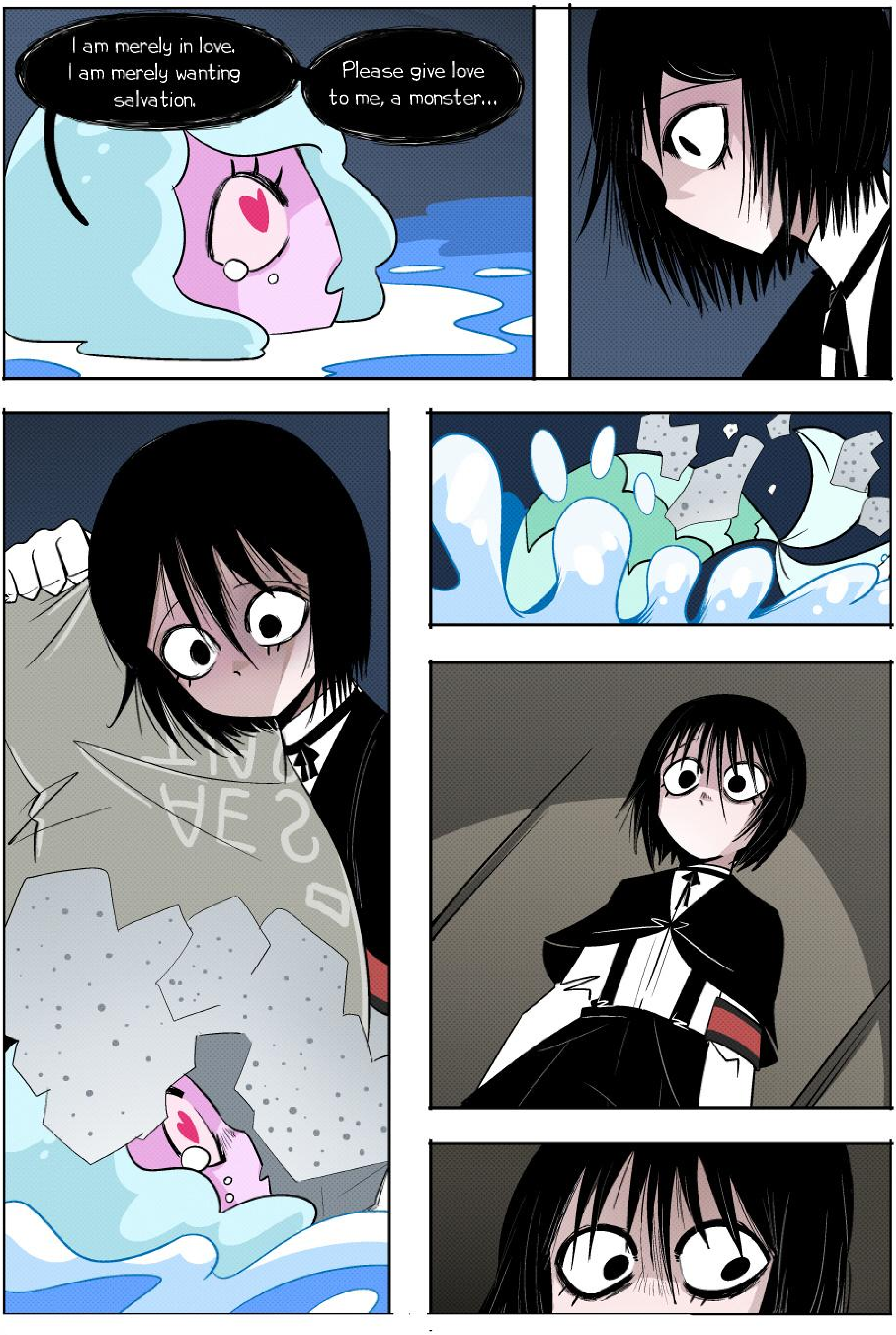
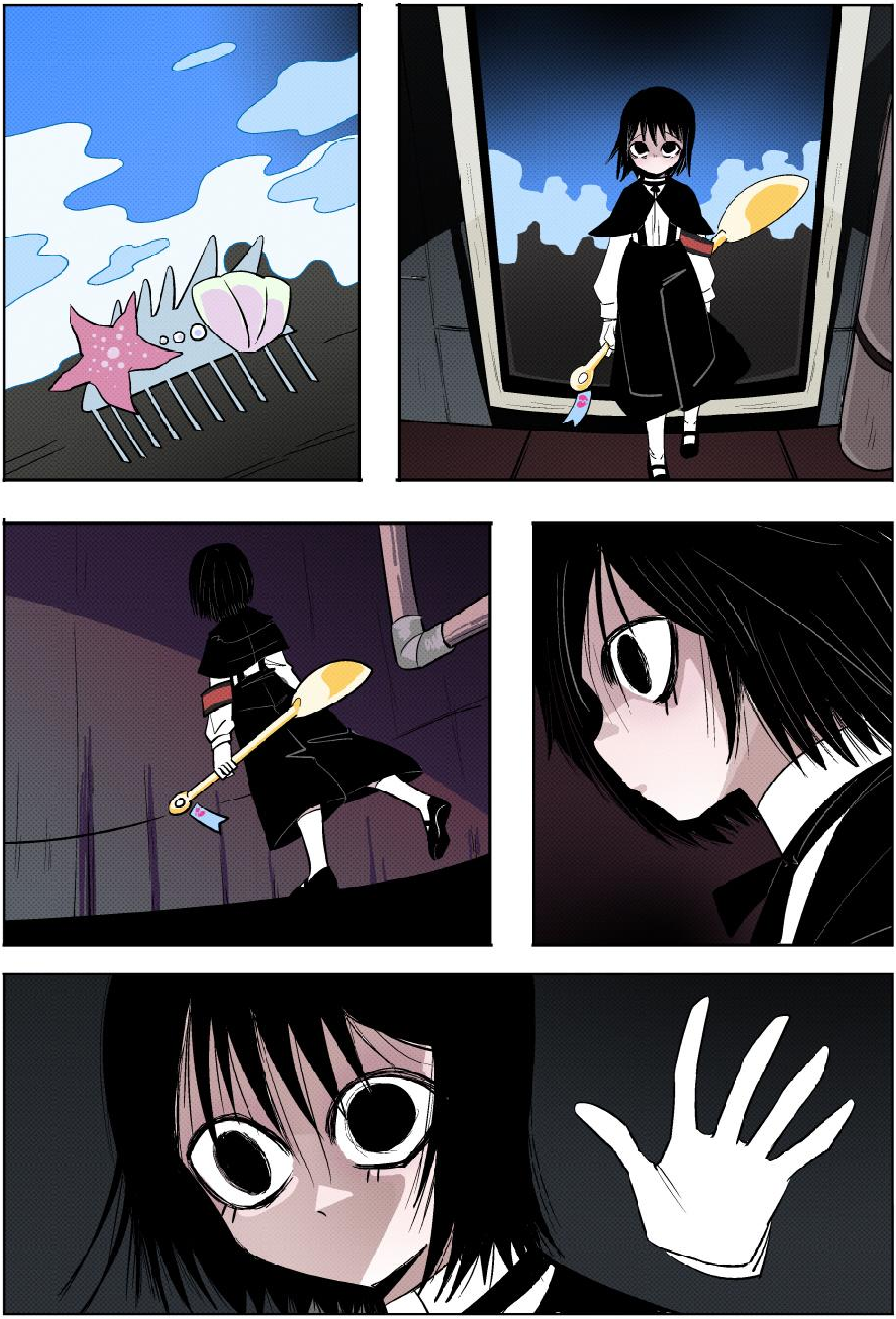
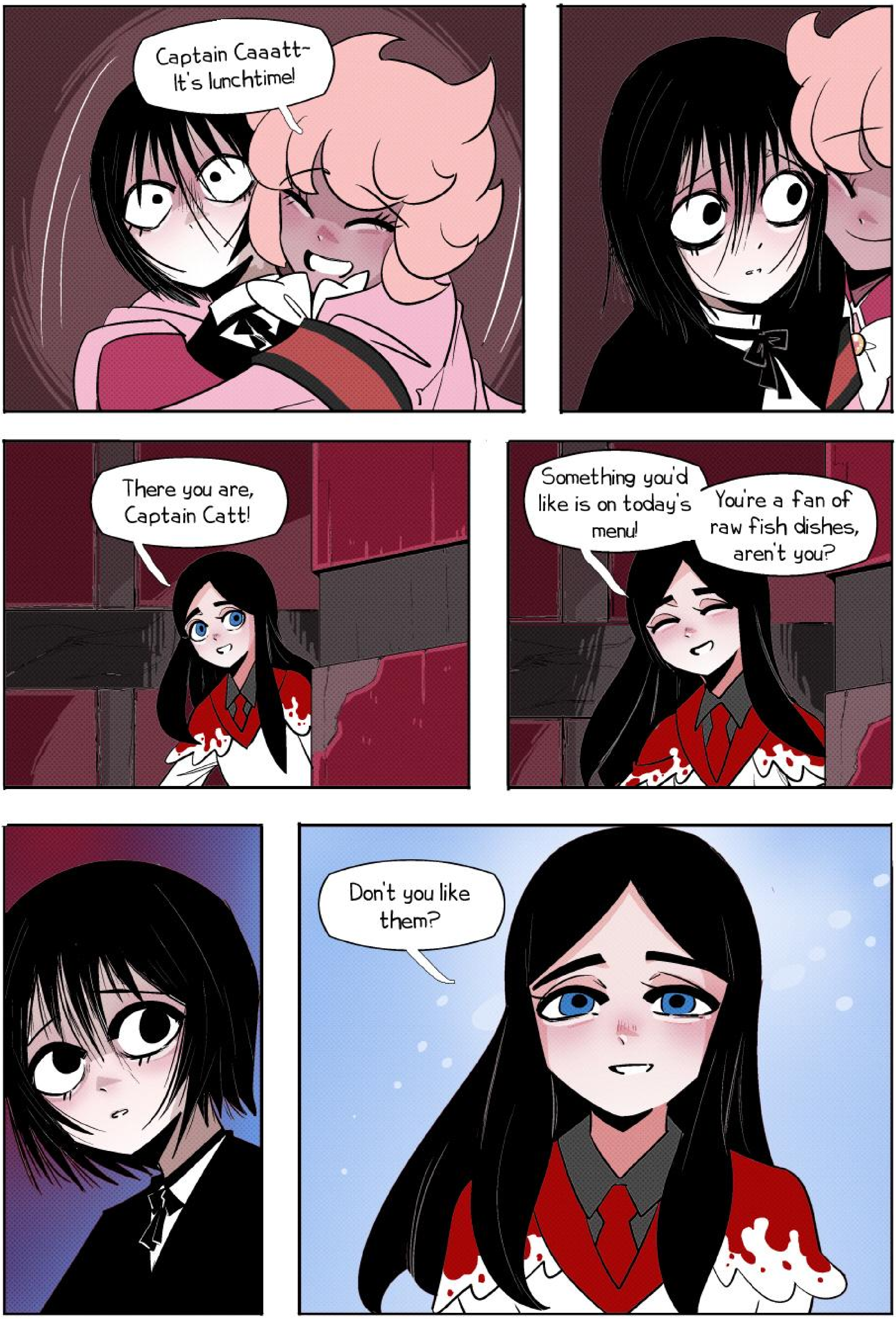
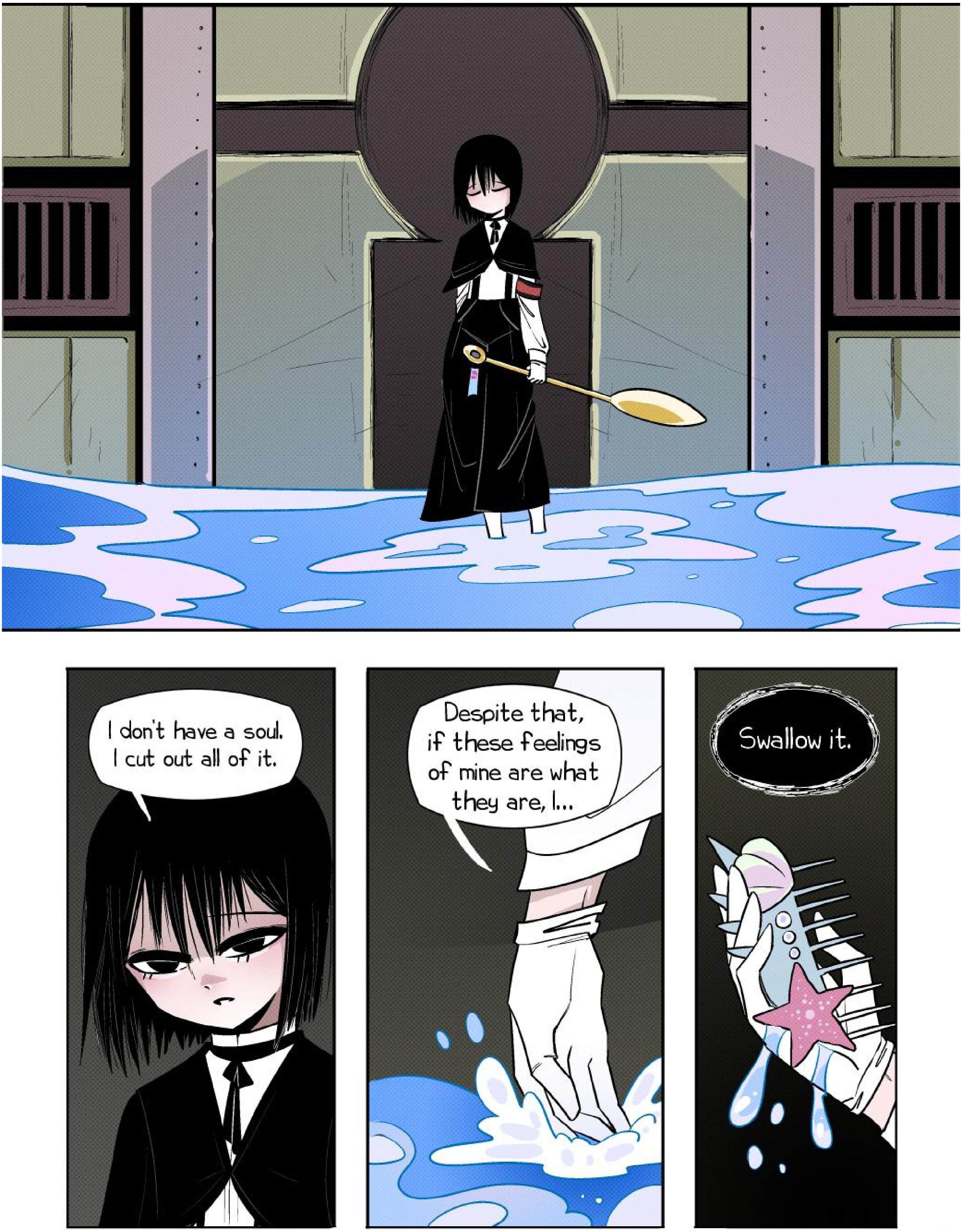
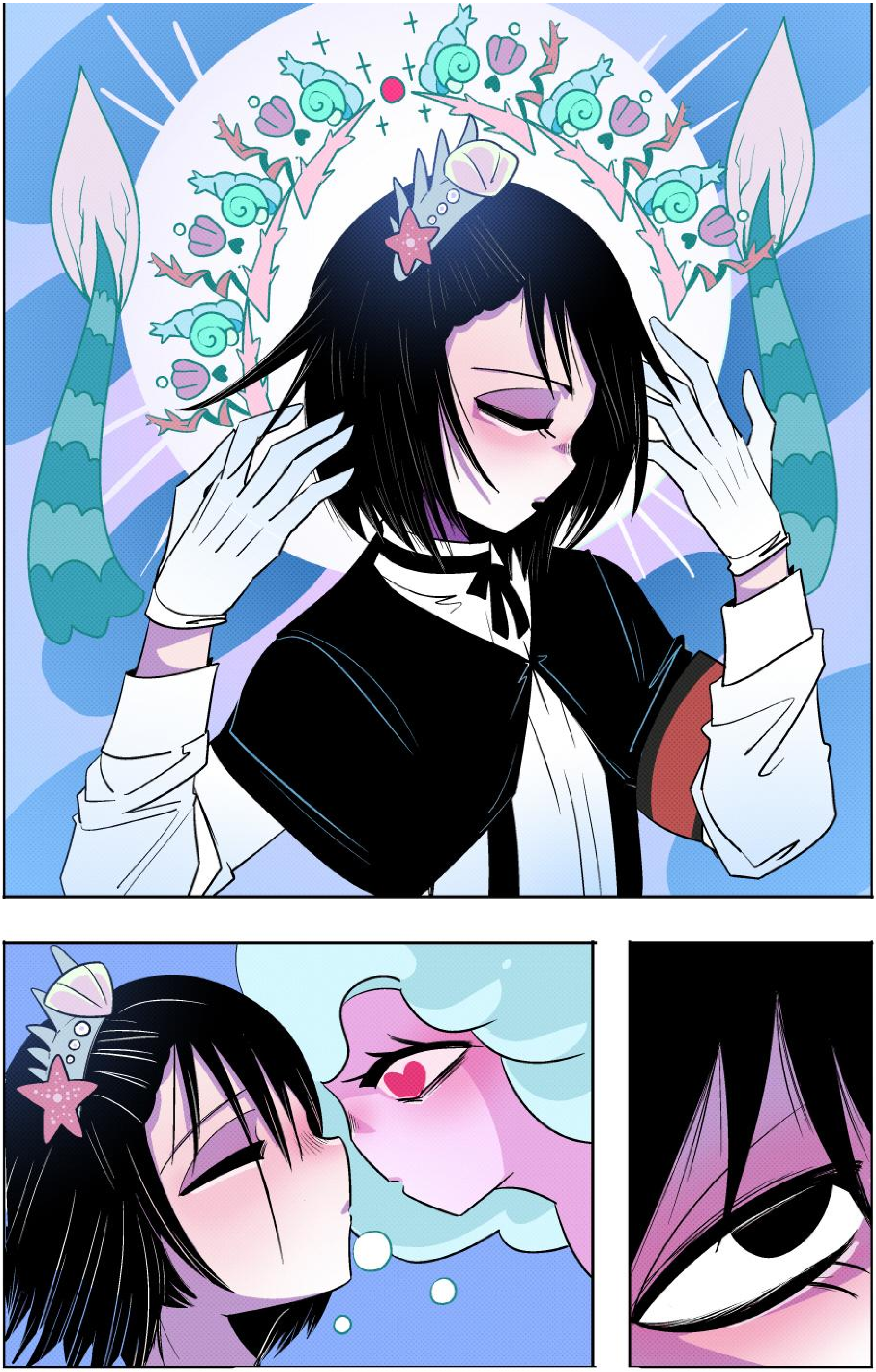
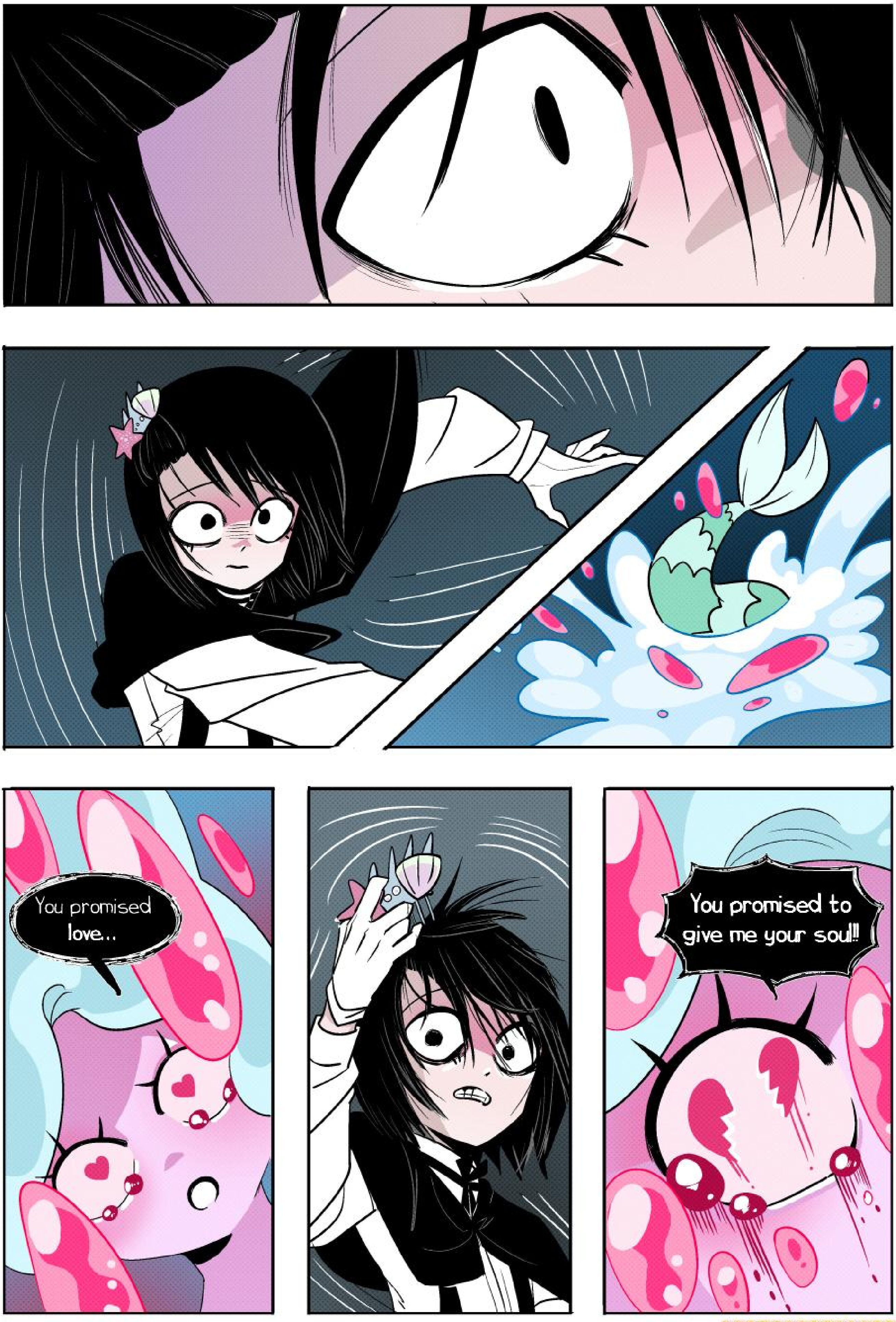

I am merely in love.
I am merely wanting salvation.
Please give love to me, a monster...




Captain Caaatt-
It's lunchtime!
There you are,
Captain Catt!
Something you'd like is on today's menu!
You're a fan of raw fish dishes, aren't you?
Don't you like them?


I don't have a soul. I cut out all of it.
Despite that, if these feelings of mine are what they are, I...
Swallow it.




You promised love...
You promised to give me your soul!!

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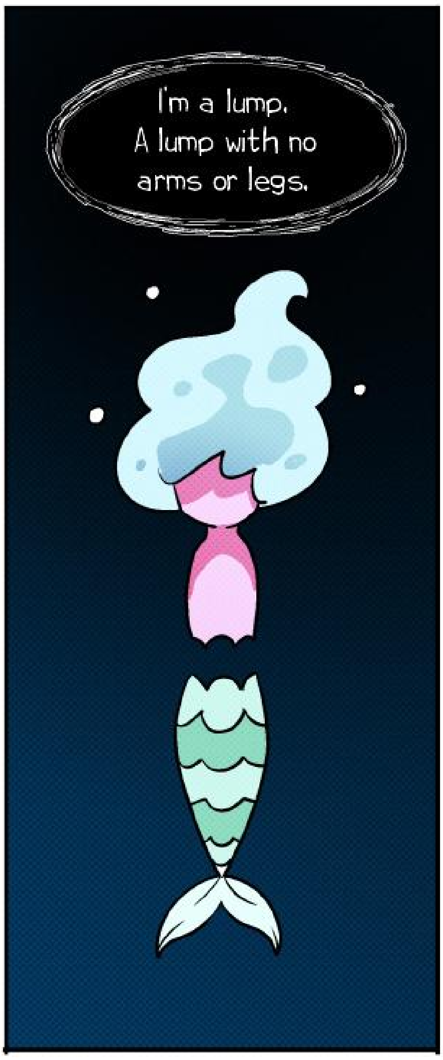
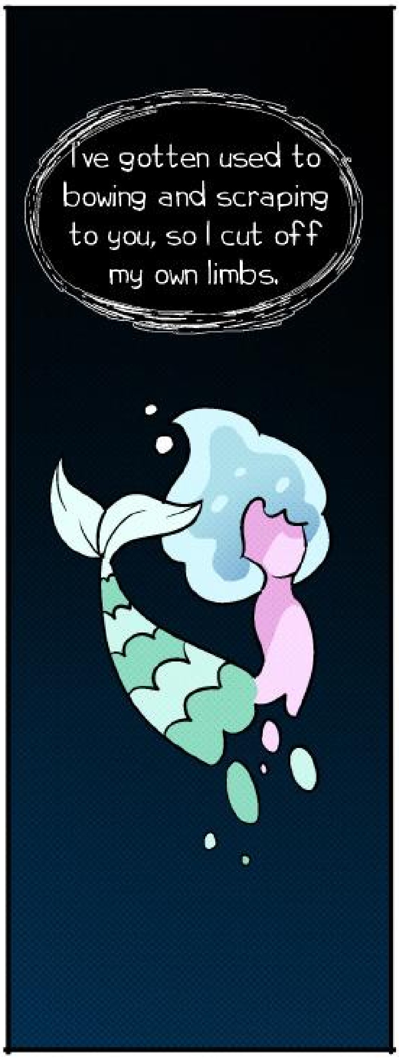
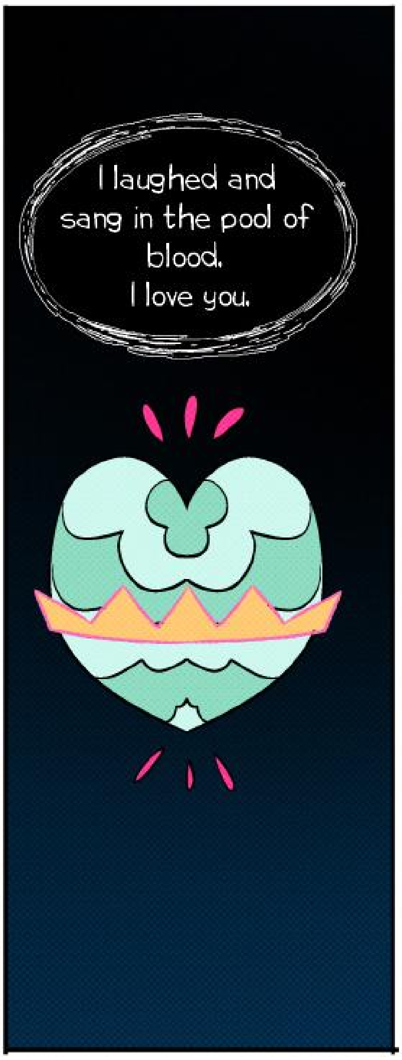
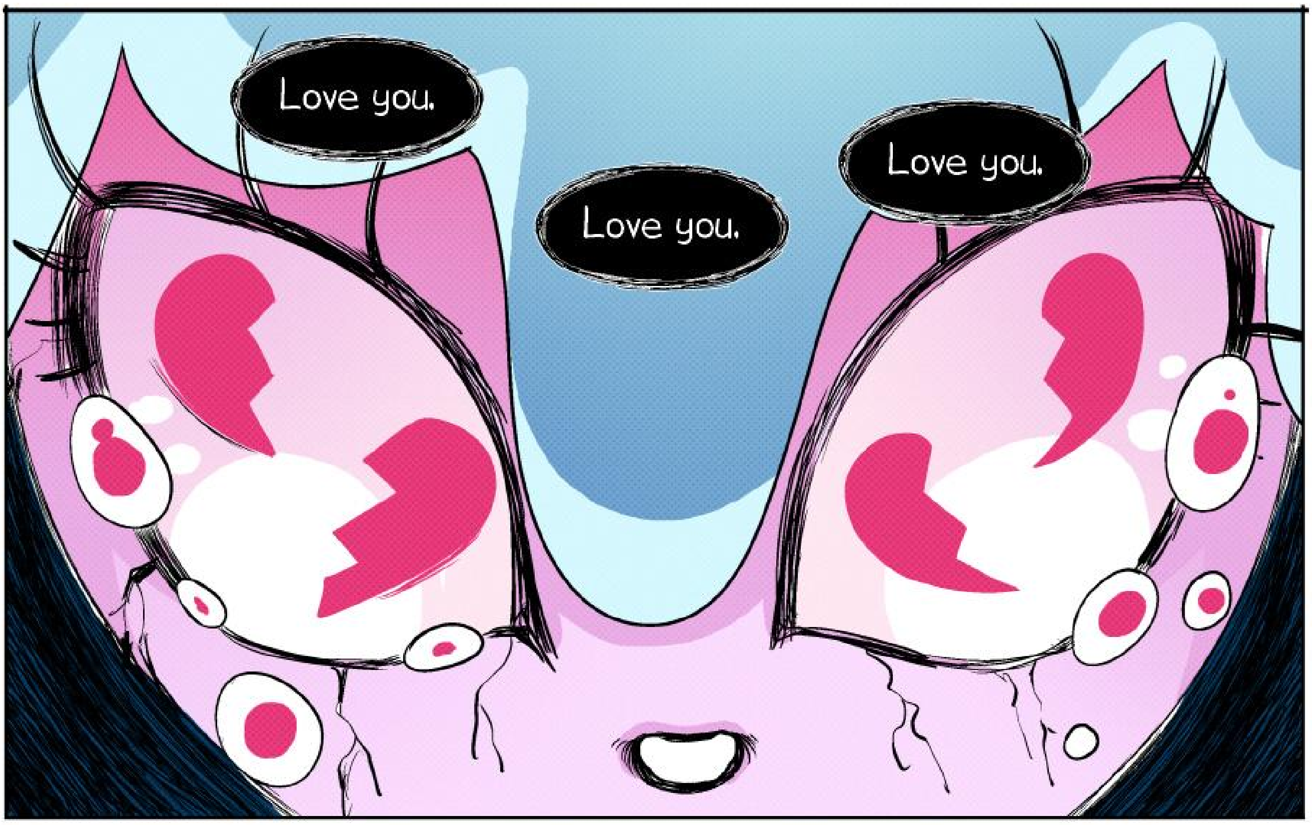
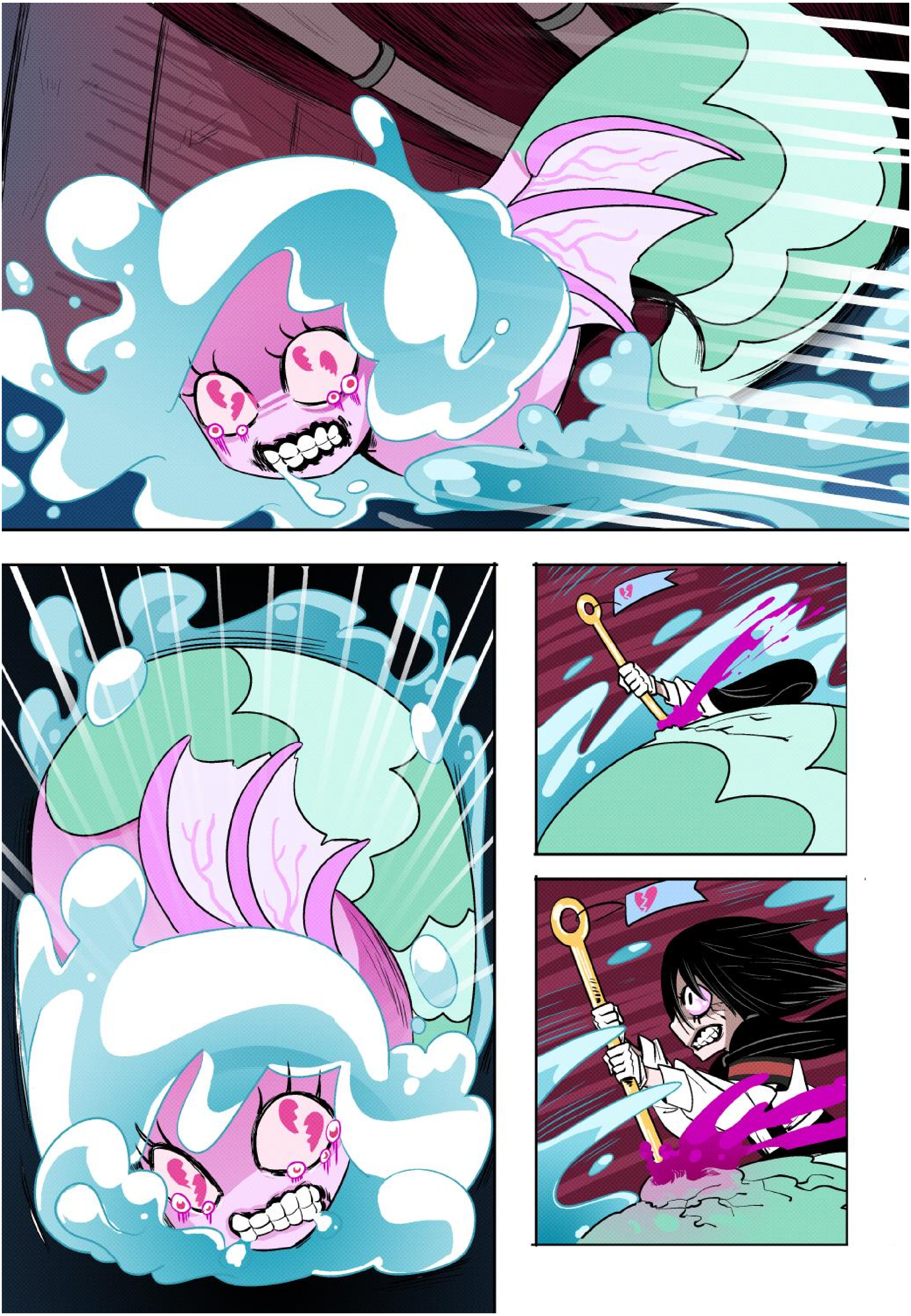
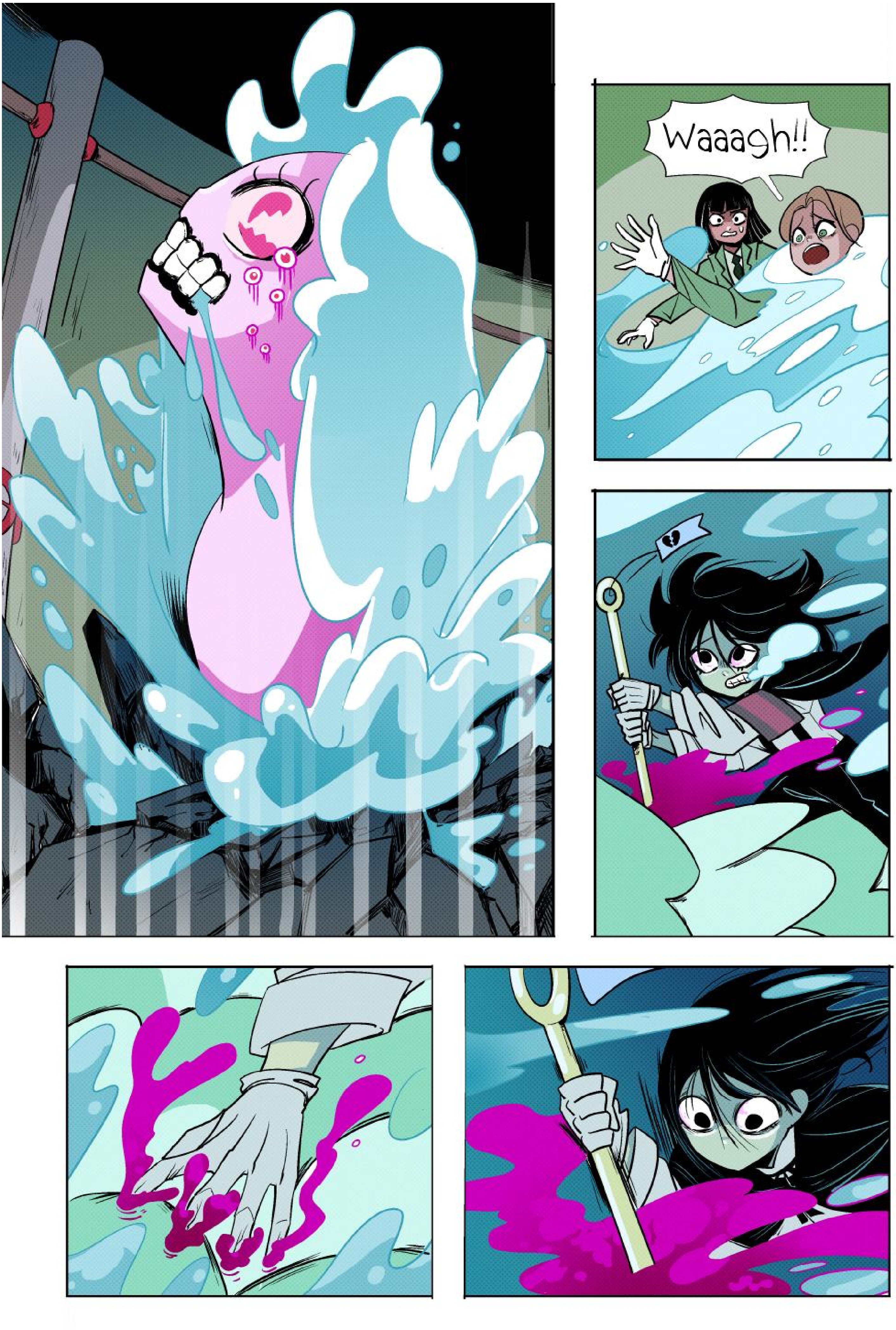

I'm a lump.
A lump with no arms or legs.

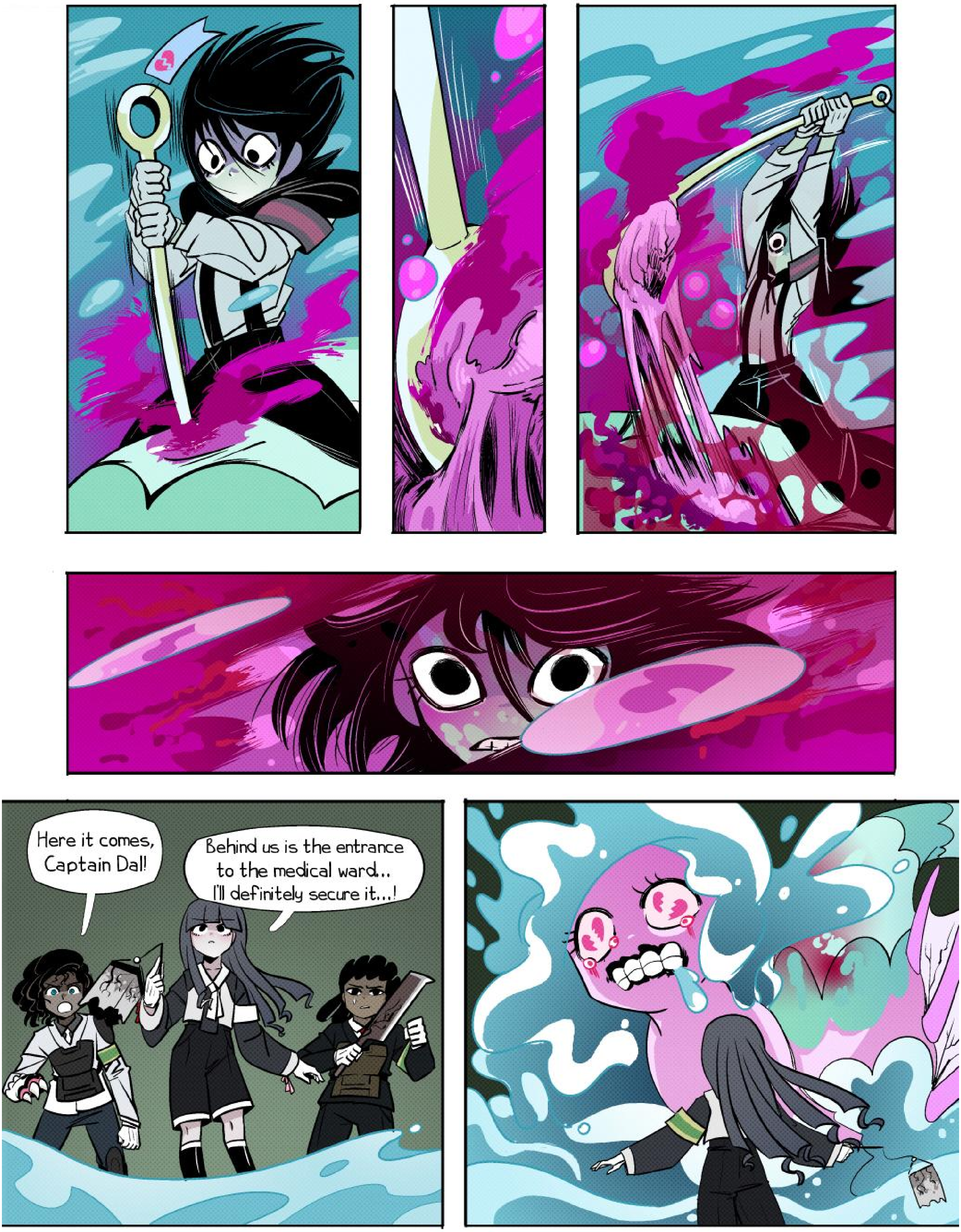

I've gotten used to bowing and scraping to you, so I cut off my own limbs.

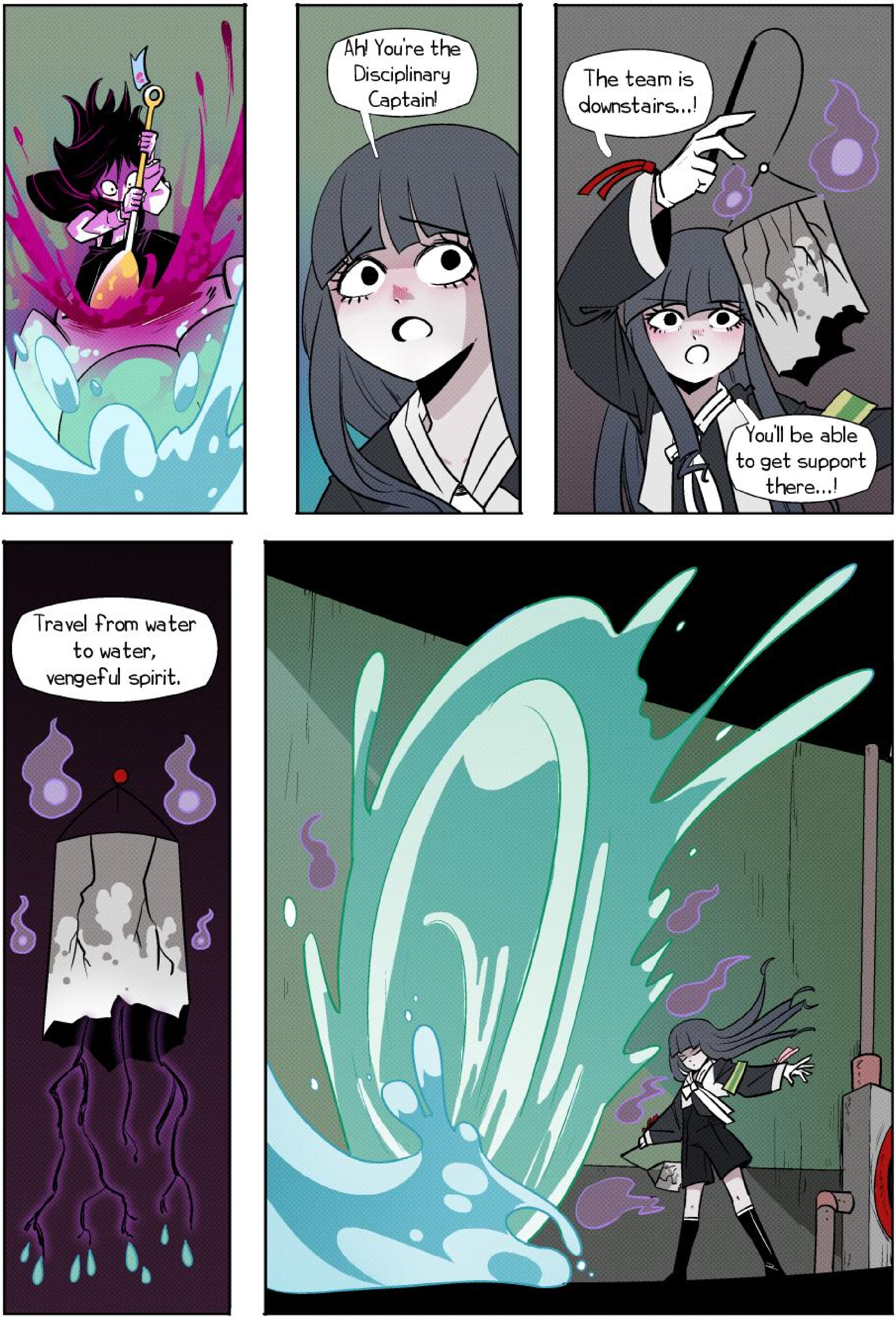

I laughed and sang in the pool of blood.
I love you.

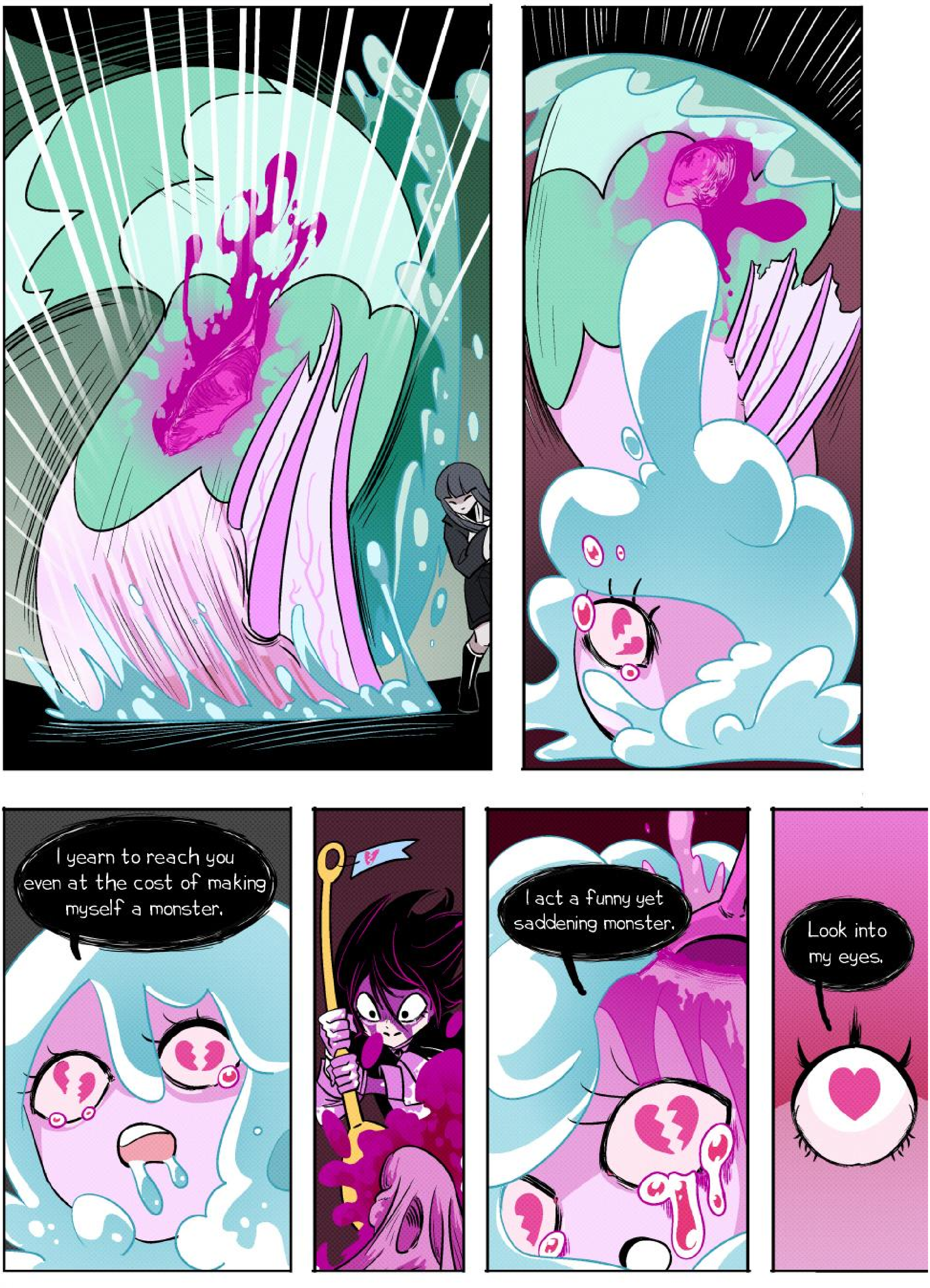

Love you.
Love you.
Love you.

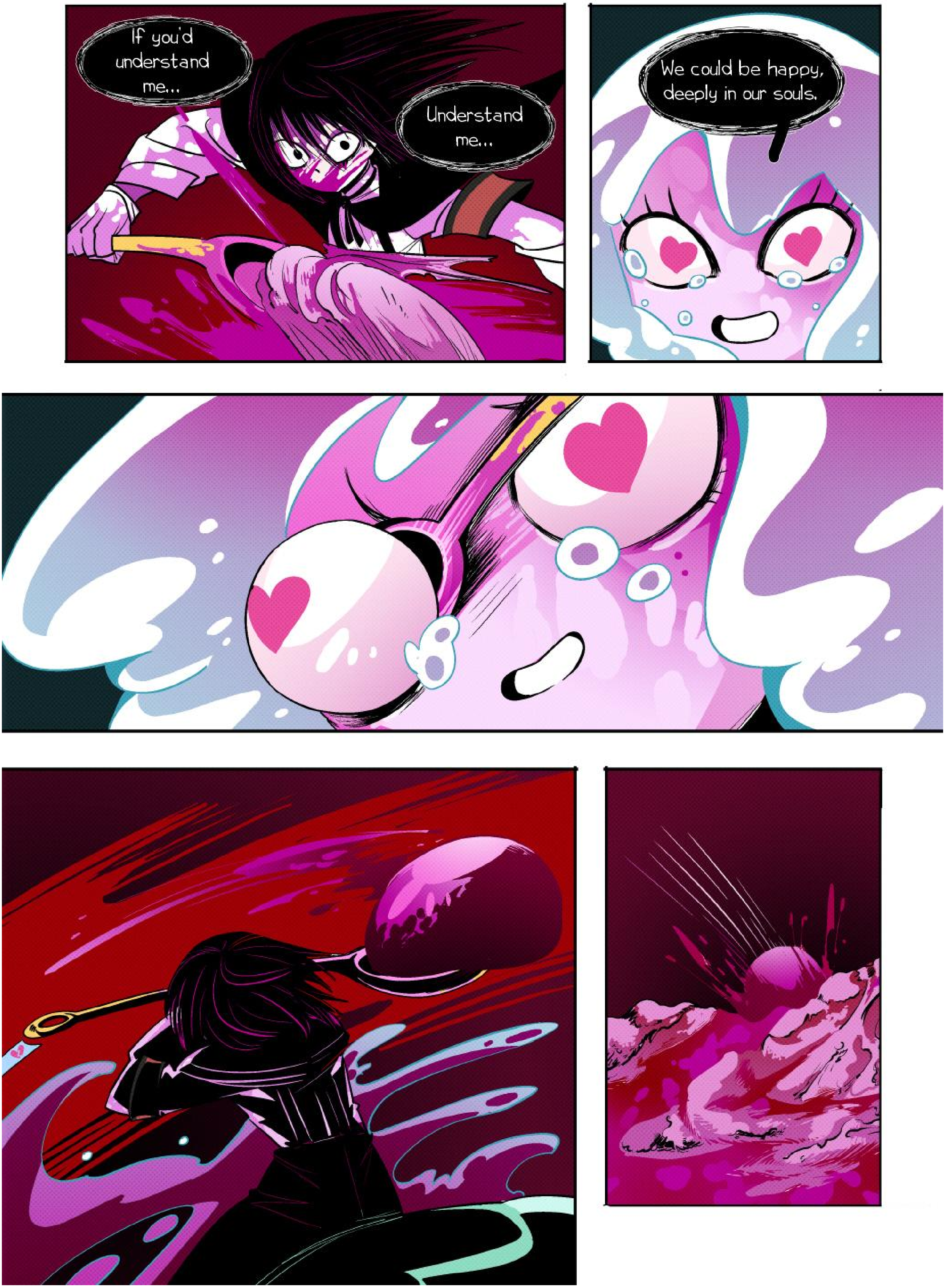


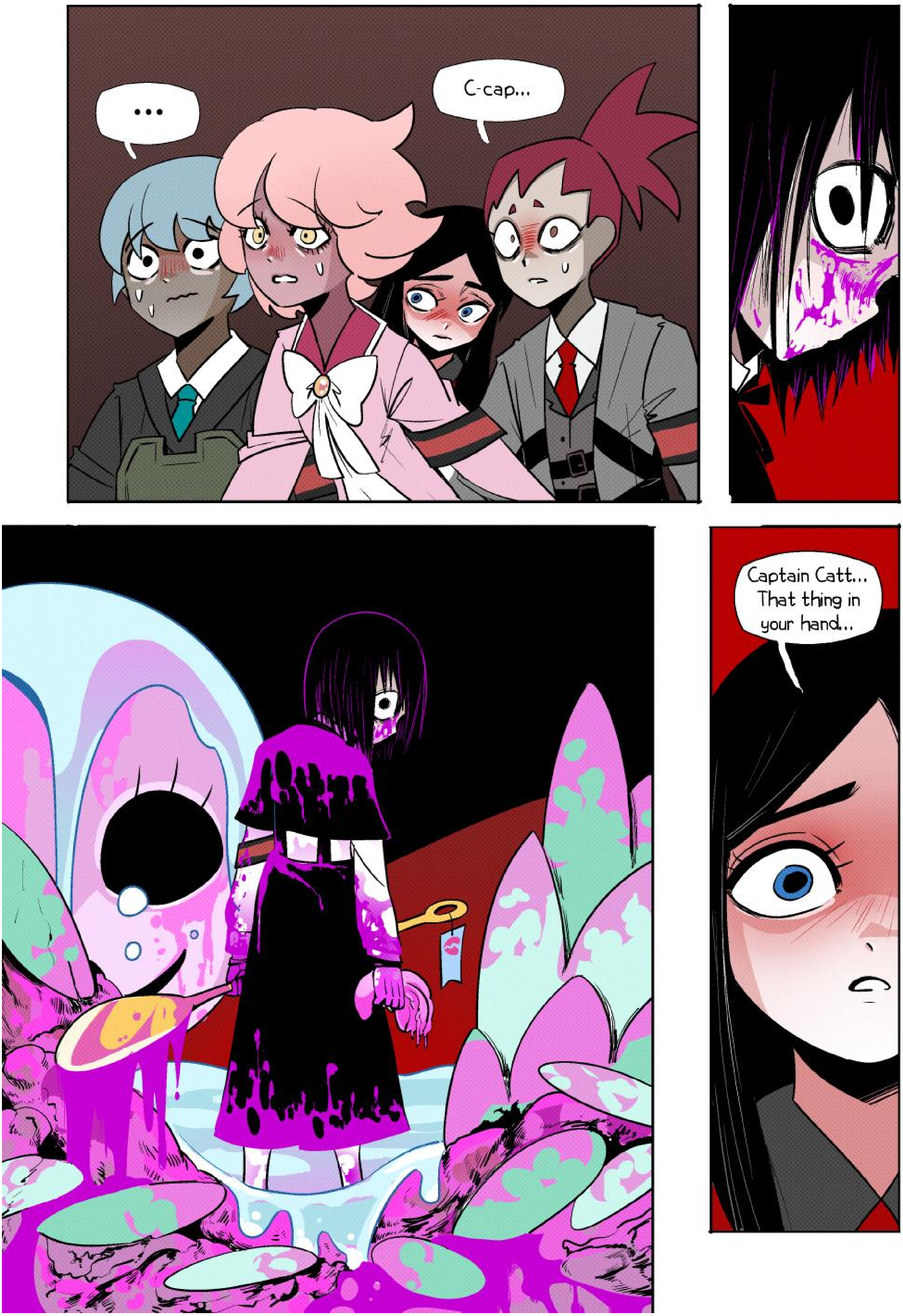

Waaagh!!

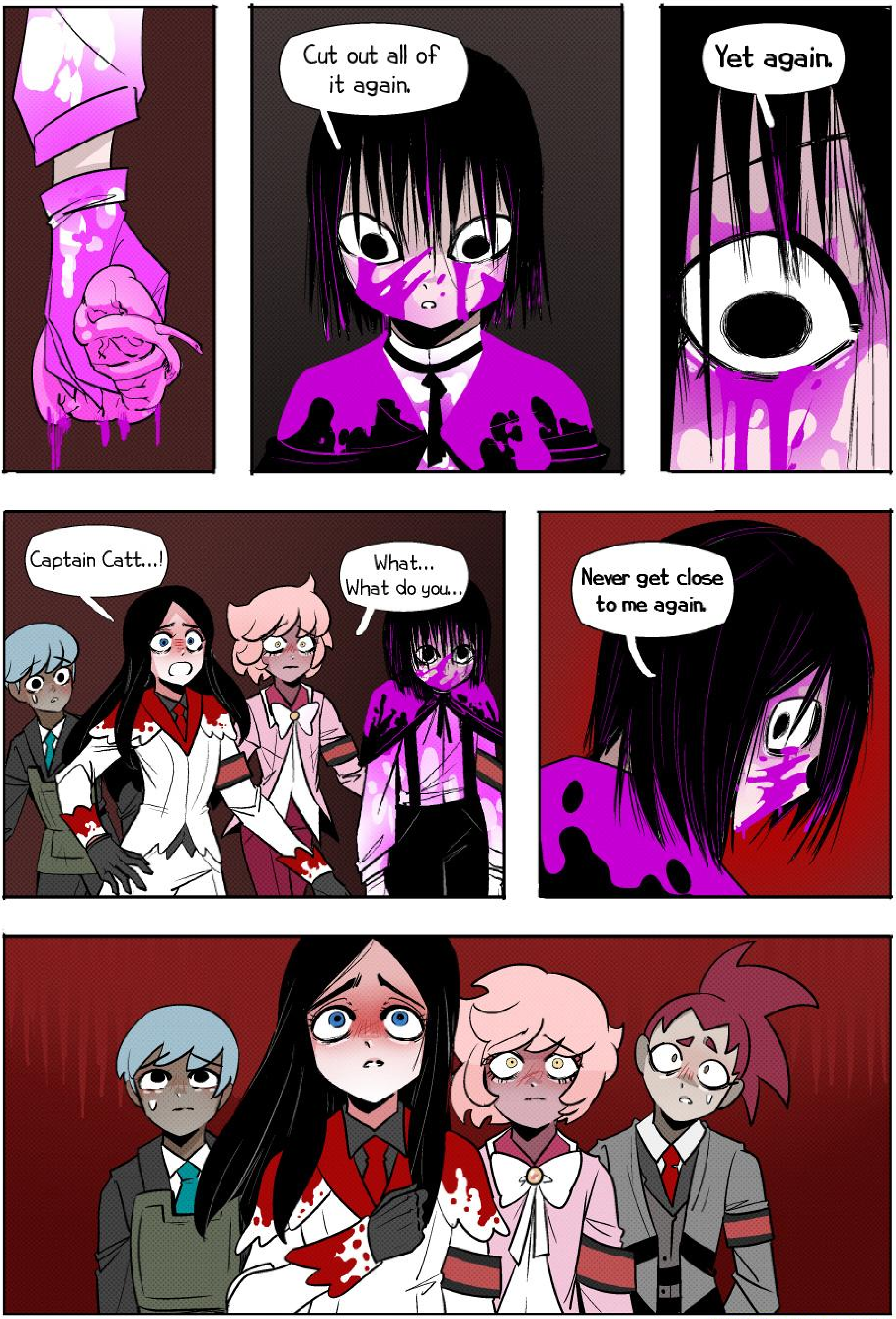

Here it comes, Captain Dal!
Behind us is the entrance to the medical ward.. I'll definitely secure it...!


Ah! You're the Disciplinary Captain!
The team is downstairs...!
You'll be able to get support there...!
Travel from water to water, vengeful spirit.


I yearn to reach you even at the cost of making myself a monster.
I act a funny yet saddening monster.
Look into my eyes.


If you'd understand me...
Understand me...
We could be happy, deeply in our souls.


...
C-cap...
Captain Catt... That thing in your hand...


Cut out all of it again.
Yet again.
Captain Catt...!
What... What do you...
Never get close to me again.

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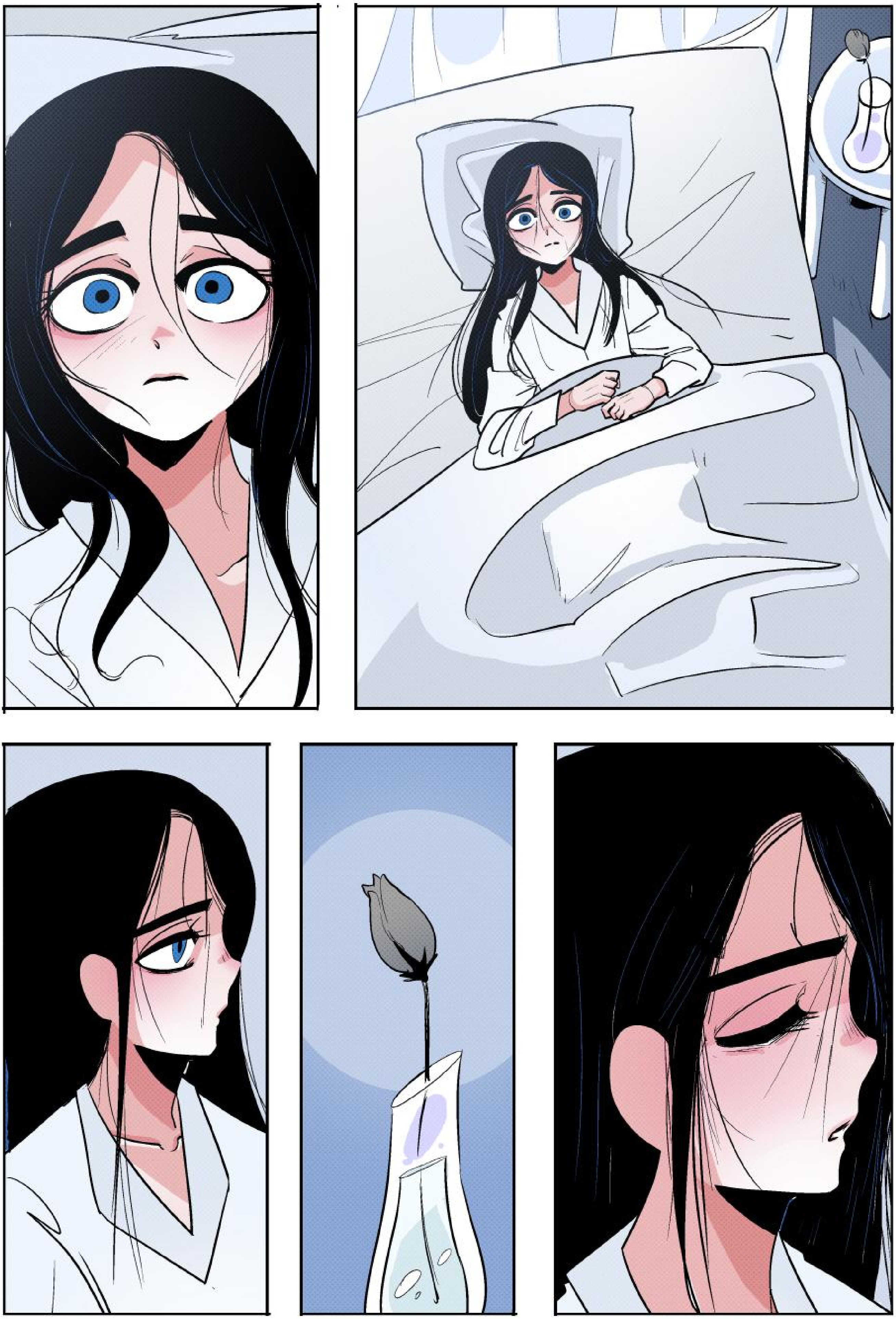
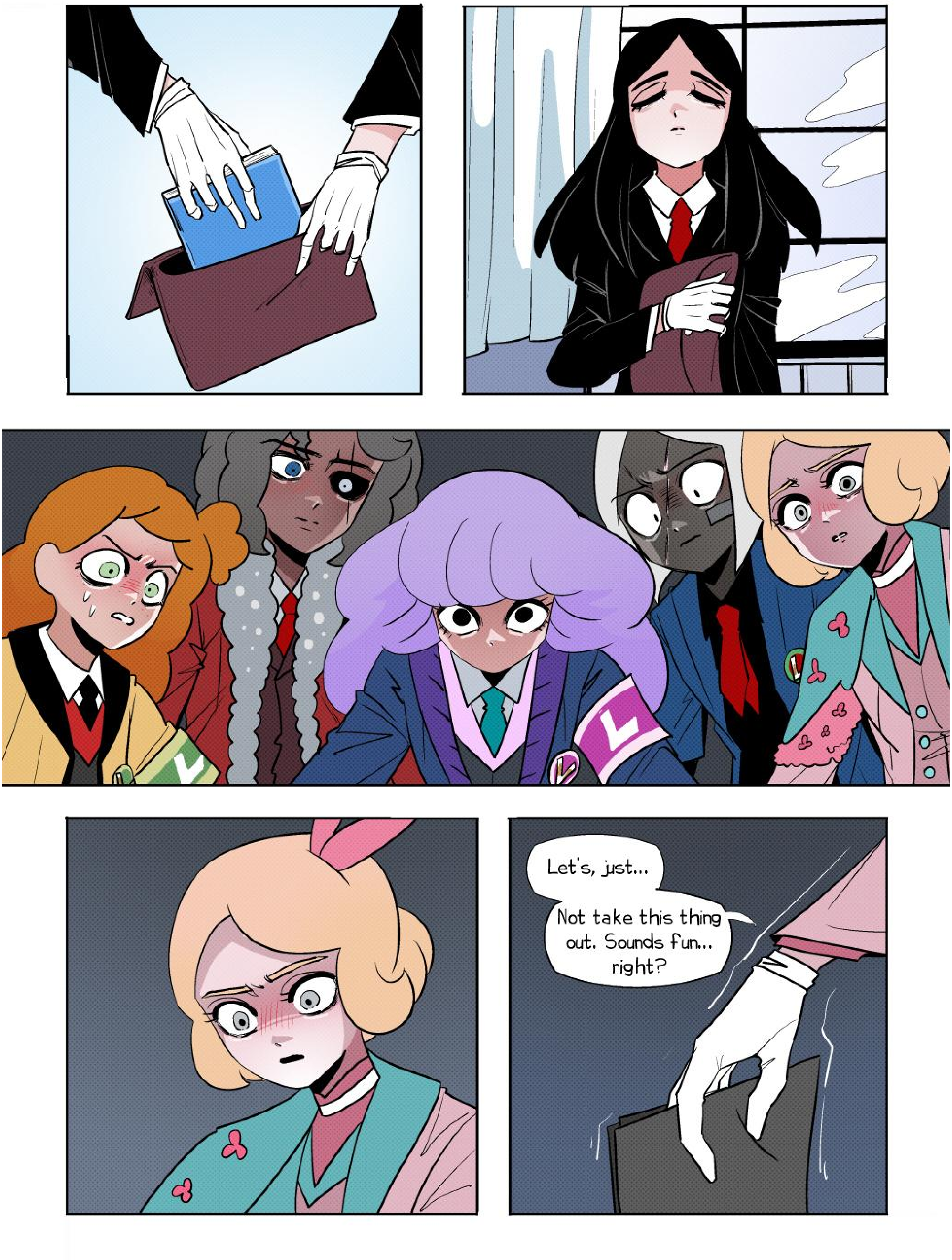
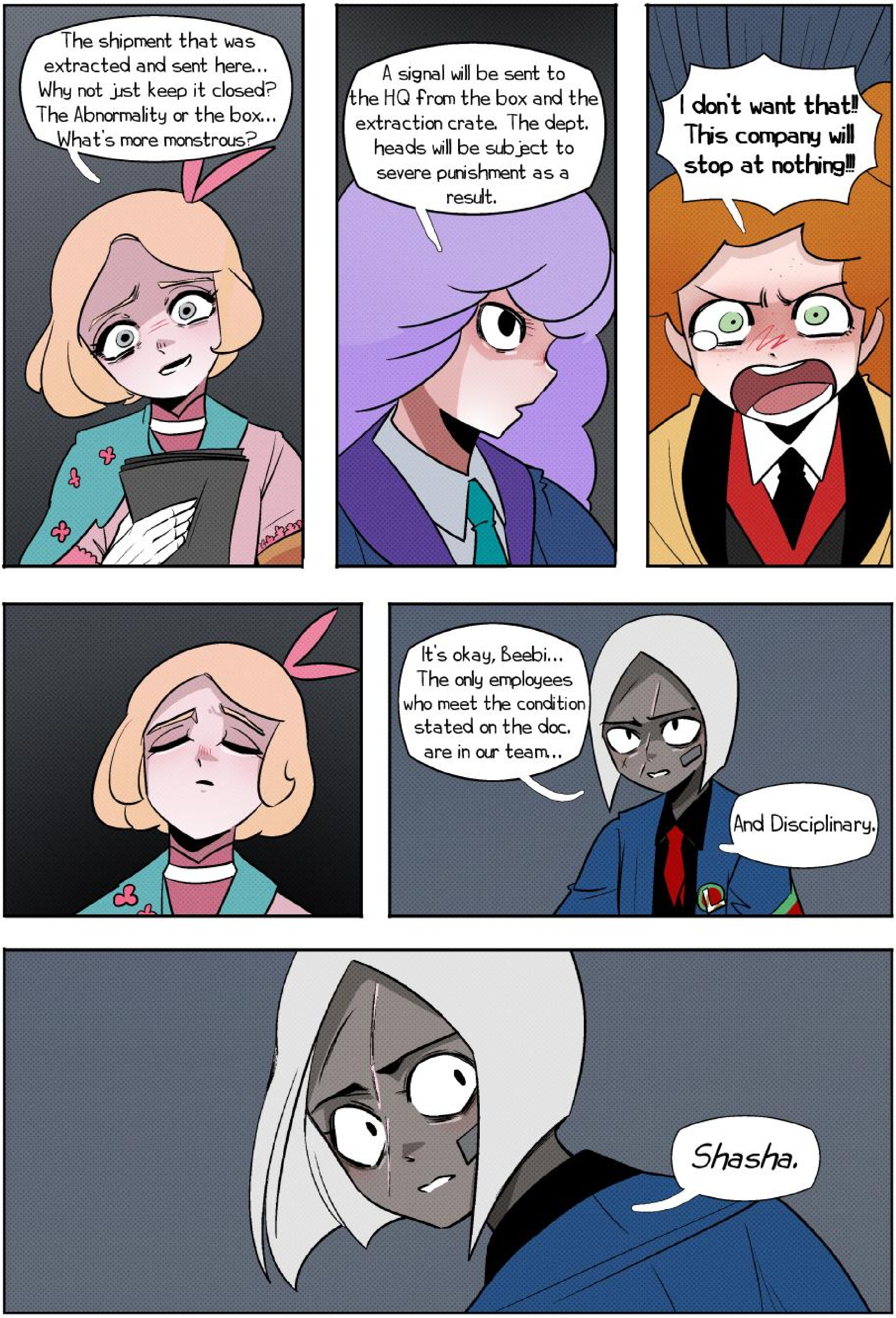
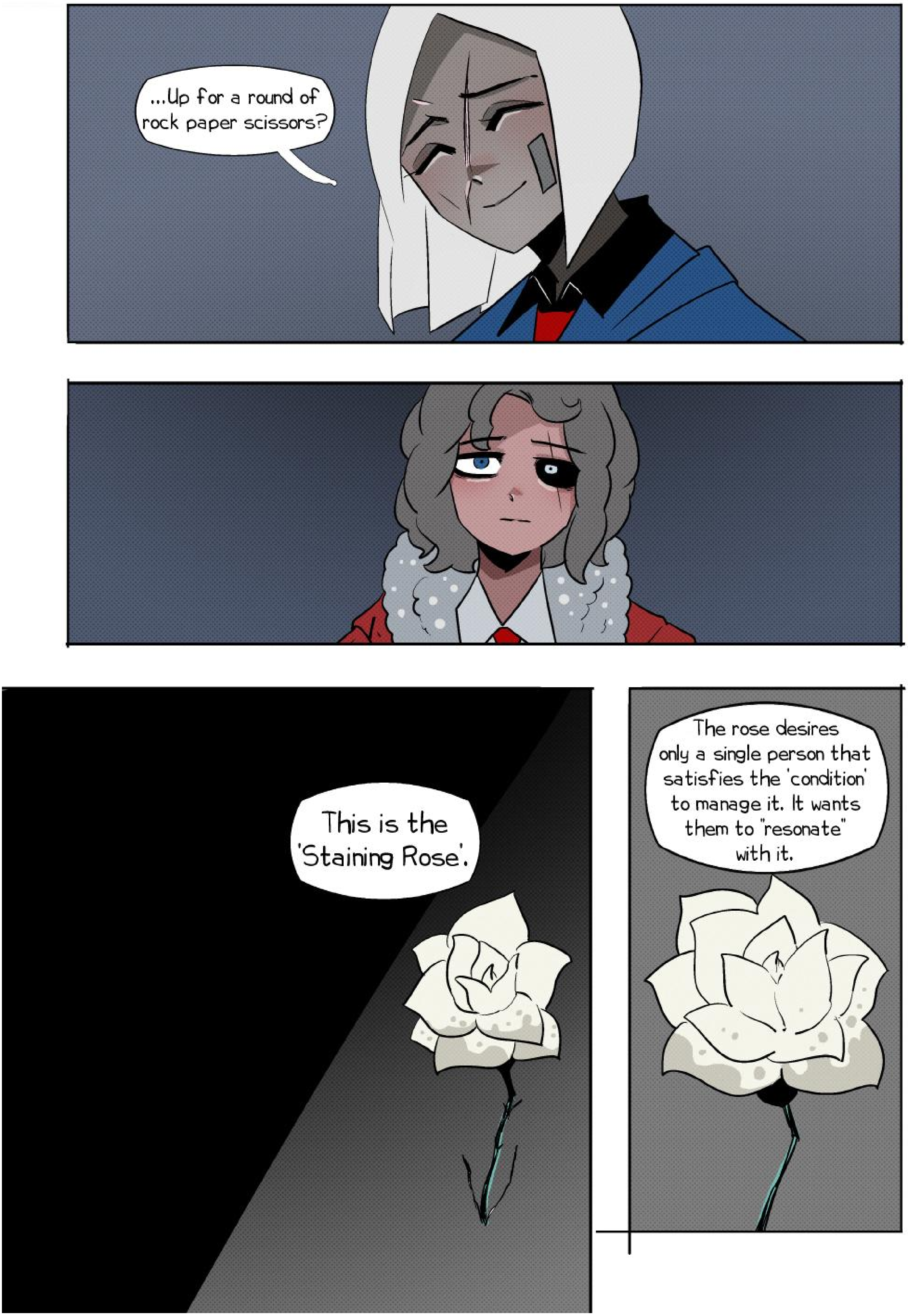
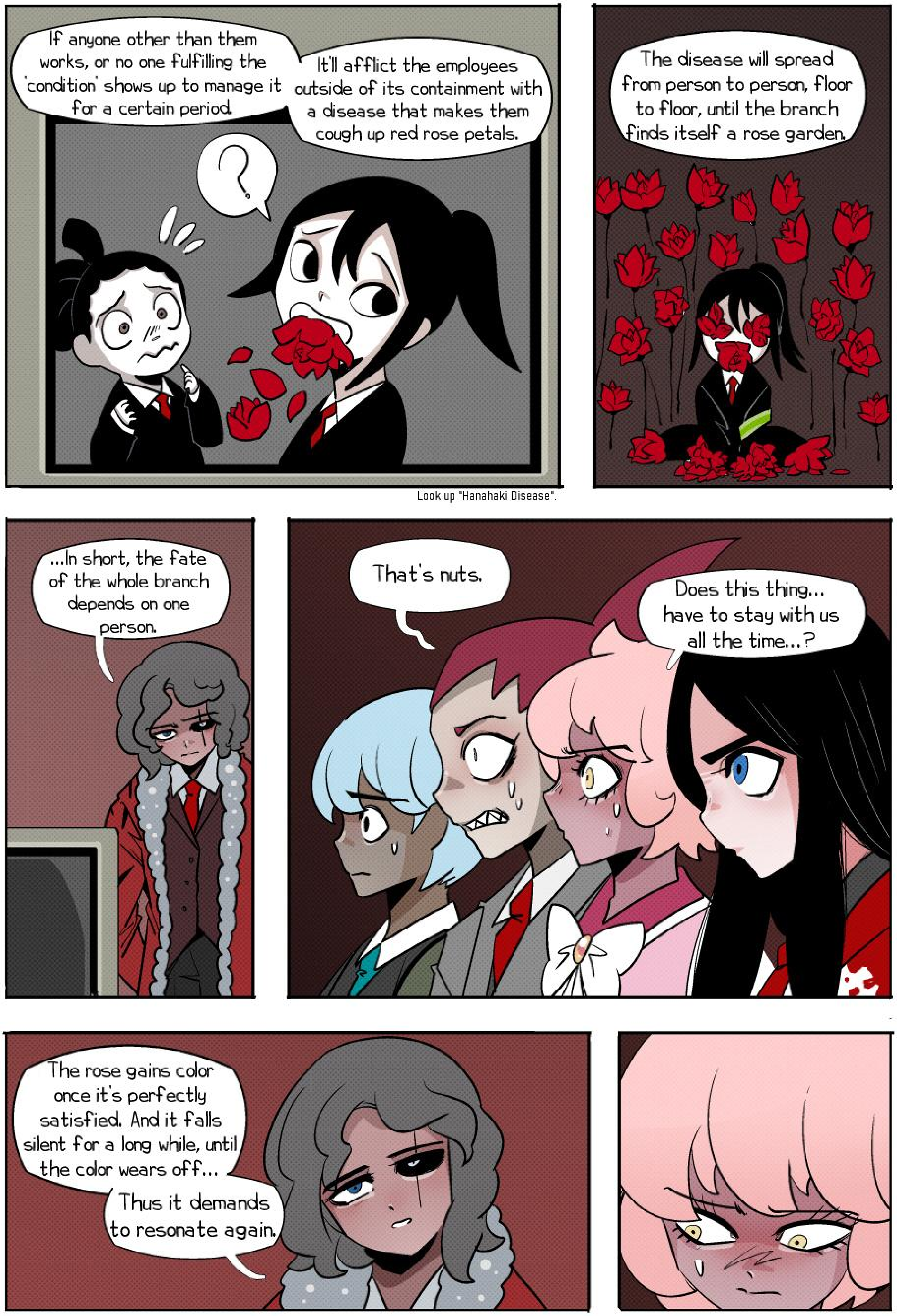


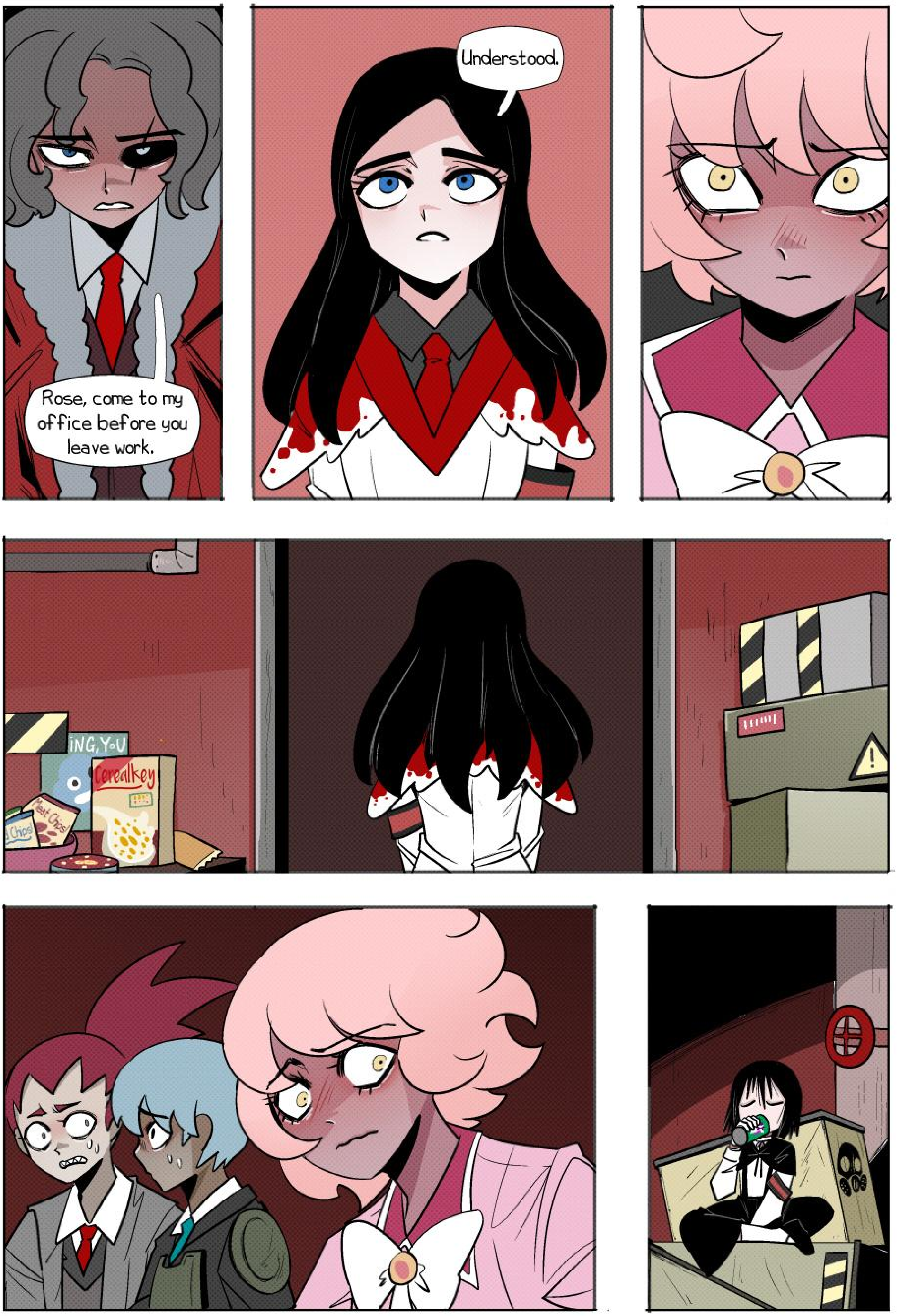

Let's, just...
Not take this thing out. Sounds fun... right?

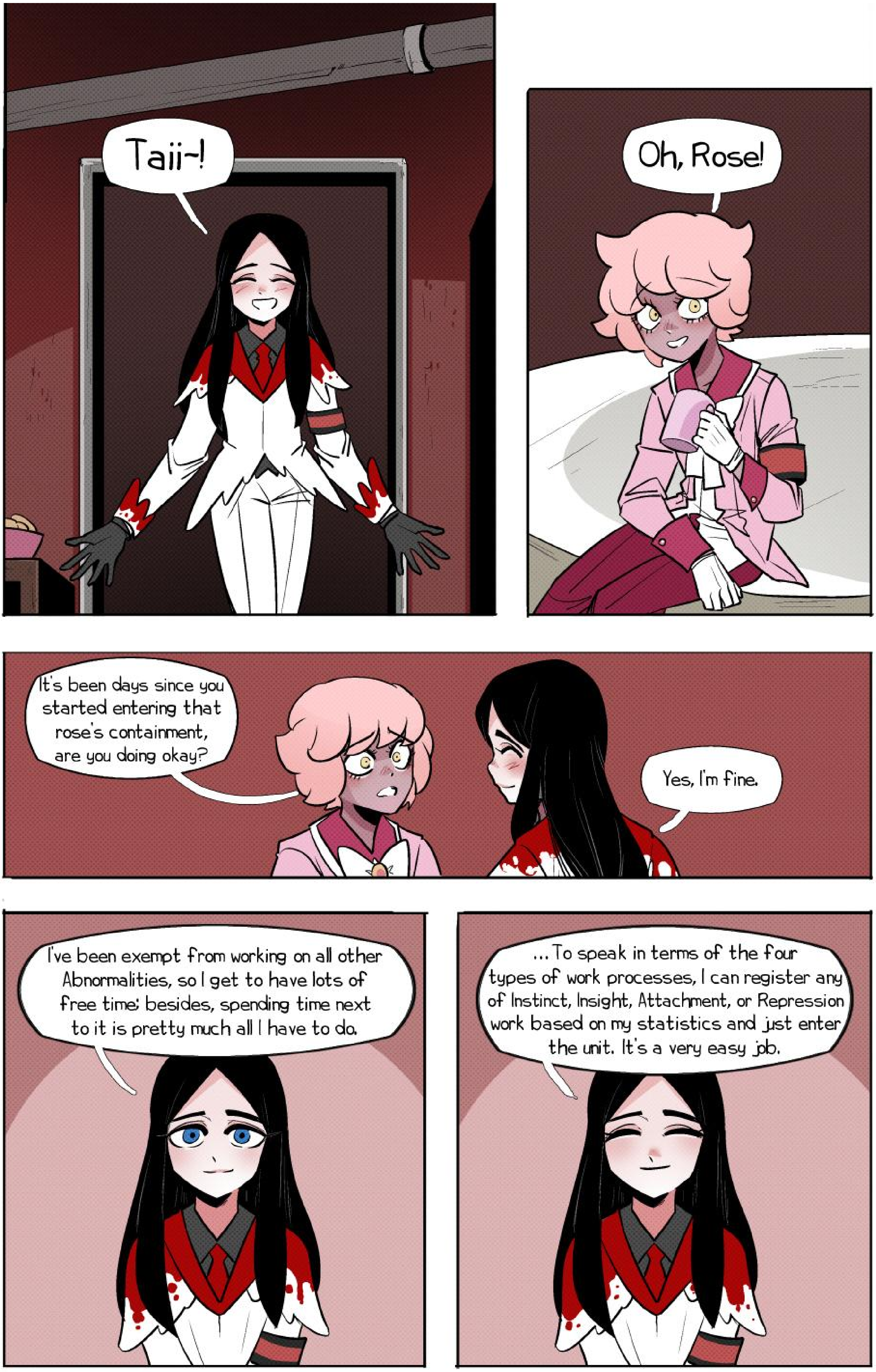

The shipment that was extracted and sent here... Why not just keep it closed? The Abnormality or the box... What's more monstrous?
A signal will be sent to the HQ from the box and the extraction crate. The dept. heads will be subject to severe punishment as a result.
I don't want that!! This company will stop at nothing!!!
It's okay, Beebi... The only employees who meet the condition stated on the doc. are in our team...
And Disciplinary.
Shasha.

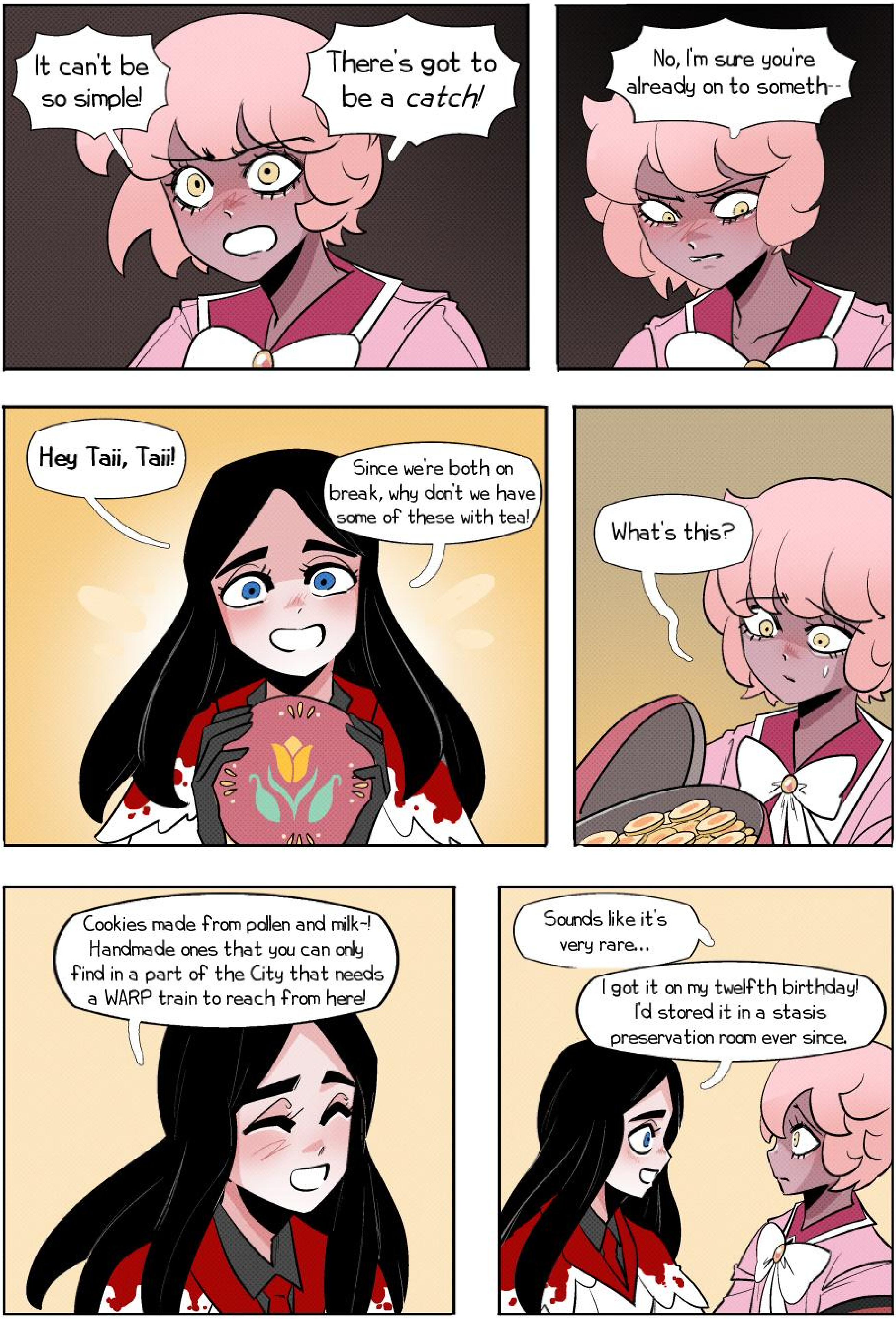

...Up for a round of rock paper scissors?
This is the 'Staining Rose'.
The rose desires only a single person that satisfies the 'condition' to manage it. It wants them to "resonate" with it.

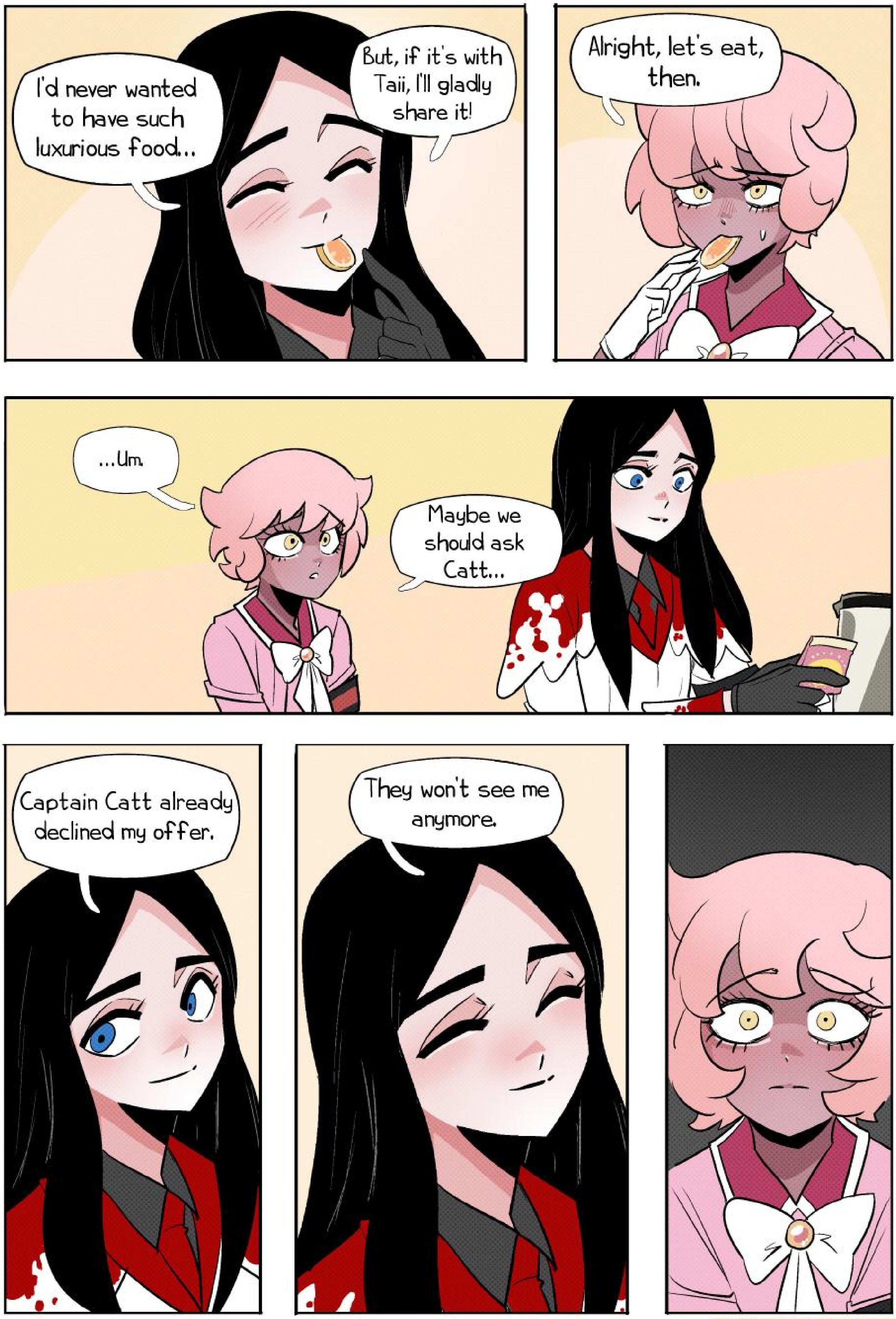

If anyone other than them works, or no one fulfilling the 'condition' shows up to manage it for a certain period.
It'll afflict the employees outside of its containment with a disease that makes them cough up red rose petals.
?
The disease will spread from person to person, floor to floor, until the branch finds itself a rose garden.
...In short, the fate of the whole branch depends on one person.
That's nuts.
Does this thing... have to stay with us all the time...?
The rose gains color once it's perfectly satisfied. And it falls silent for a long while, until the color wears off...
Thus it demands to resonate again.

Look up "Hanahaki Disease".


Rose, come to my office before you leave work.
Understood.
iNG, YoU
Cerealkey
Meat Chips!
Chips!


Taii~!
Oh, Rose!
It's been days since you started entering that rose's containment, are you doing okay?
Yes, I'm fine.
I've been exempt from working on all other Abnormalities, so I get to have lots of free time; besides, spending time next to it is pretty much all I have to do.
...To speak in terms of the four types of work processes, I can register any of Instinct, Insight, Attachment, or Repression work based on my statistics and just enter the unit. It's a very easy job.


It can't be so simple!
There's got to be a *catch*!
No, I'm sure you're already on to someth--
Hey Taii, Taii!
Since we're both on break, why don't we have some of these with tea!
What's this?
Cookies made from pollen and milk~! Handmade ones that you can only find in a part of the City that needs a WARP train to reach from here!
Sounds like it's very rare...
I got it on my twelfth birthday! I'd stored it in a stasis preservation room ever since.


I'd never wanted to have such luxurious food...
But, if it's with Taii, I'll gladly share it!
Alright, let's eat, then.
...Um.
Maybe we should ask Catt...
Captain Catt already declined my offer.
They won't see me anymore.

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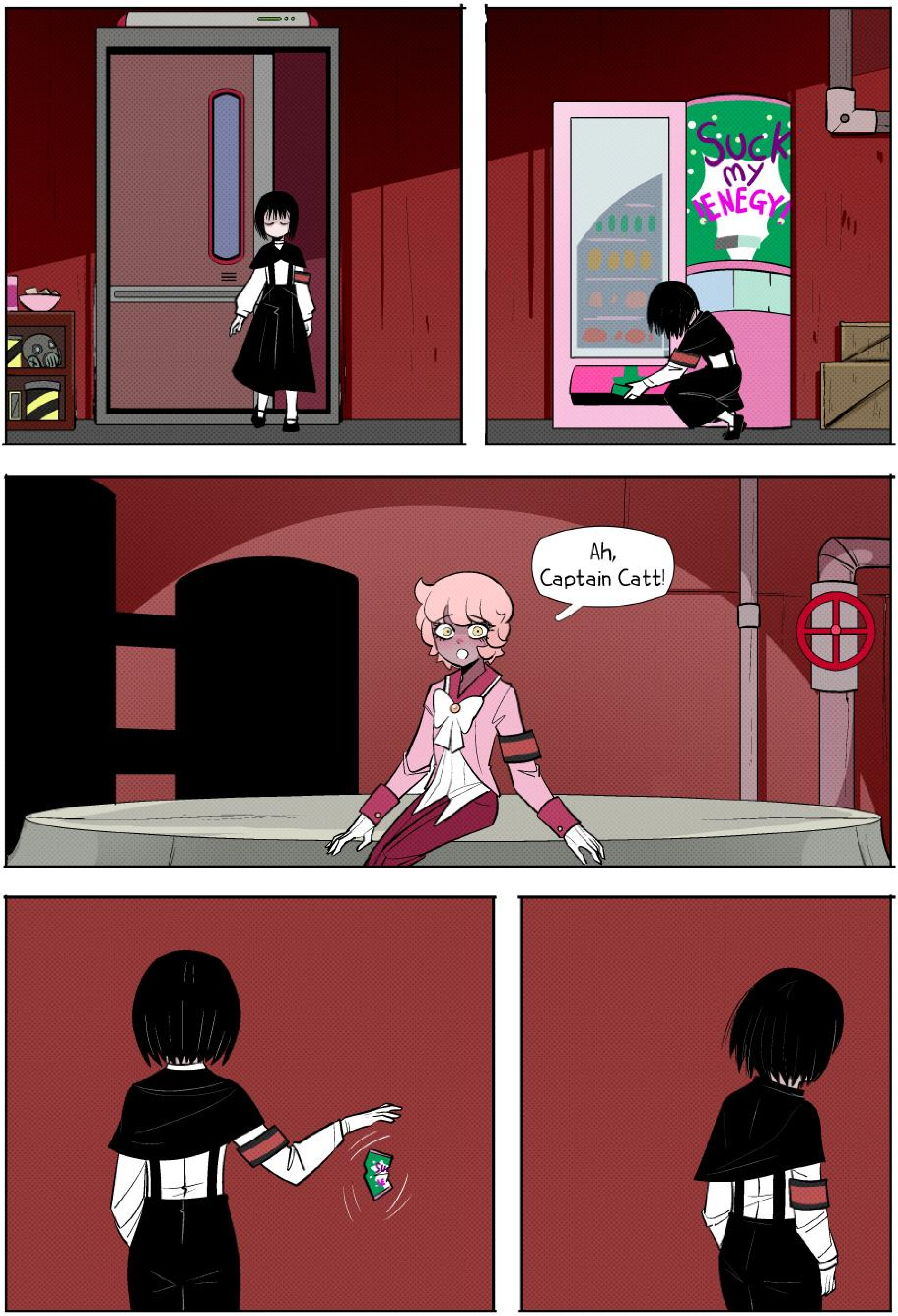
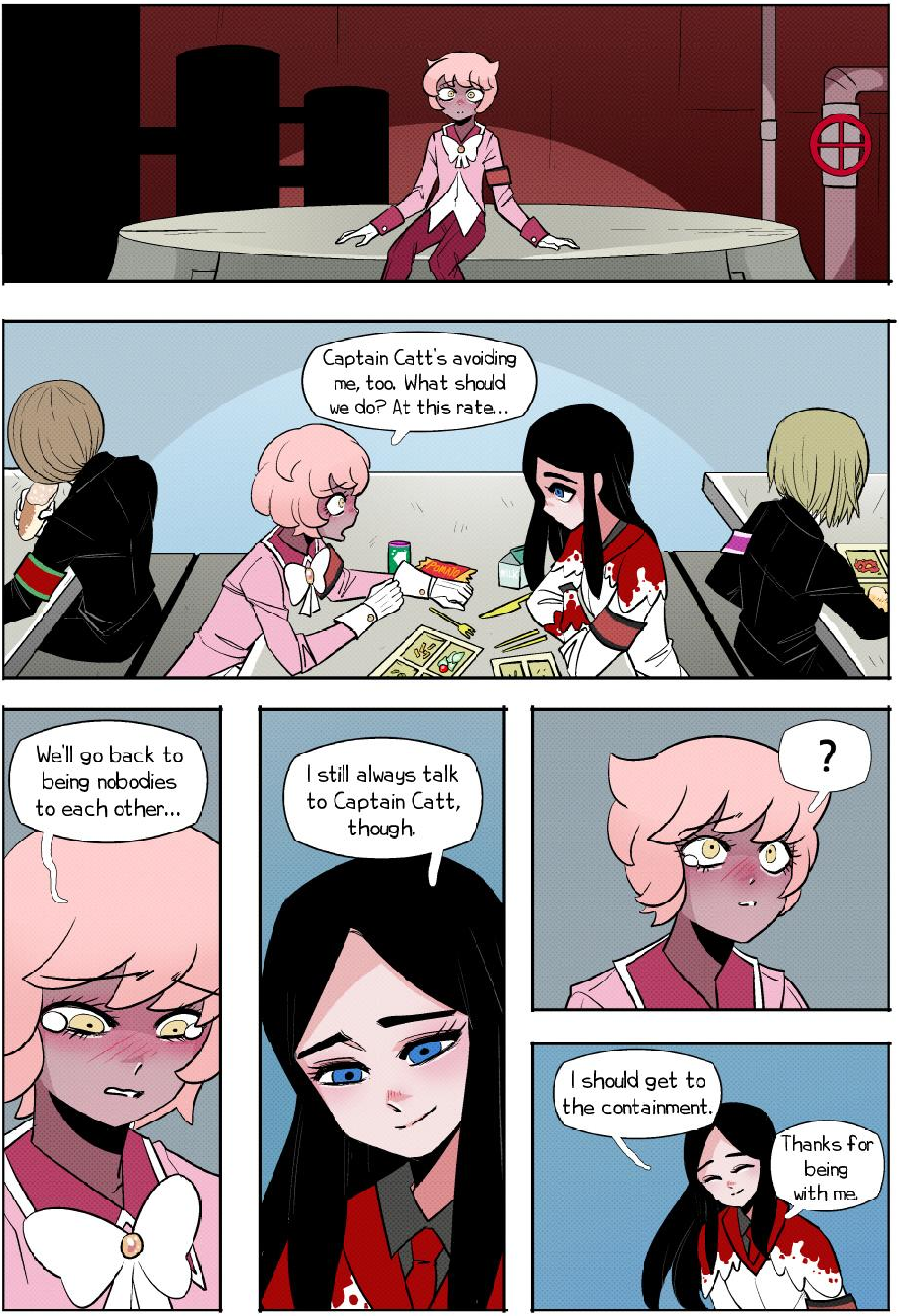
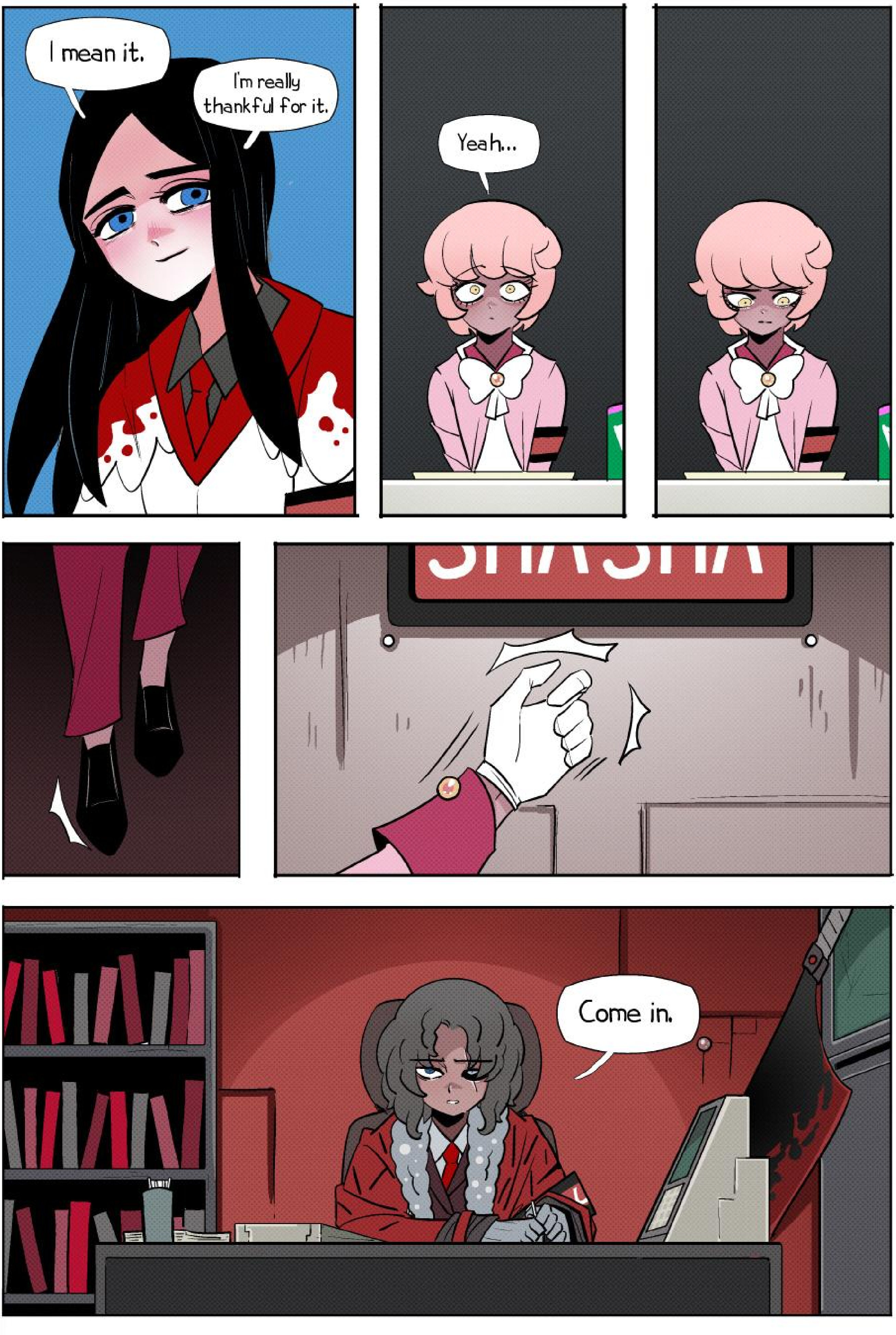
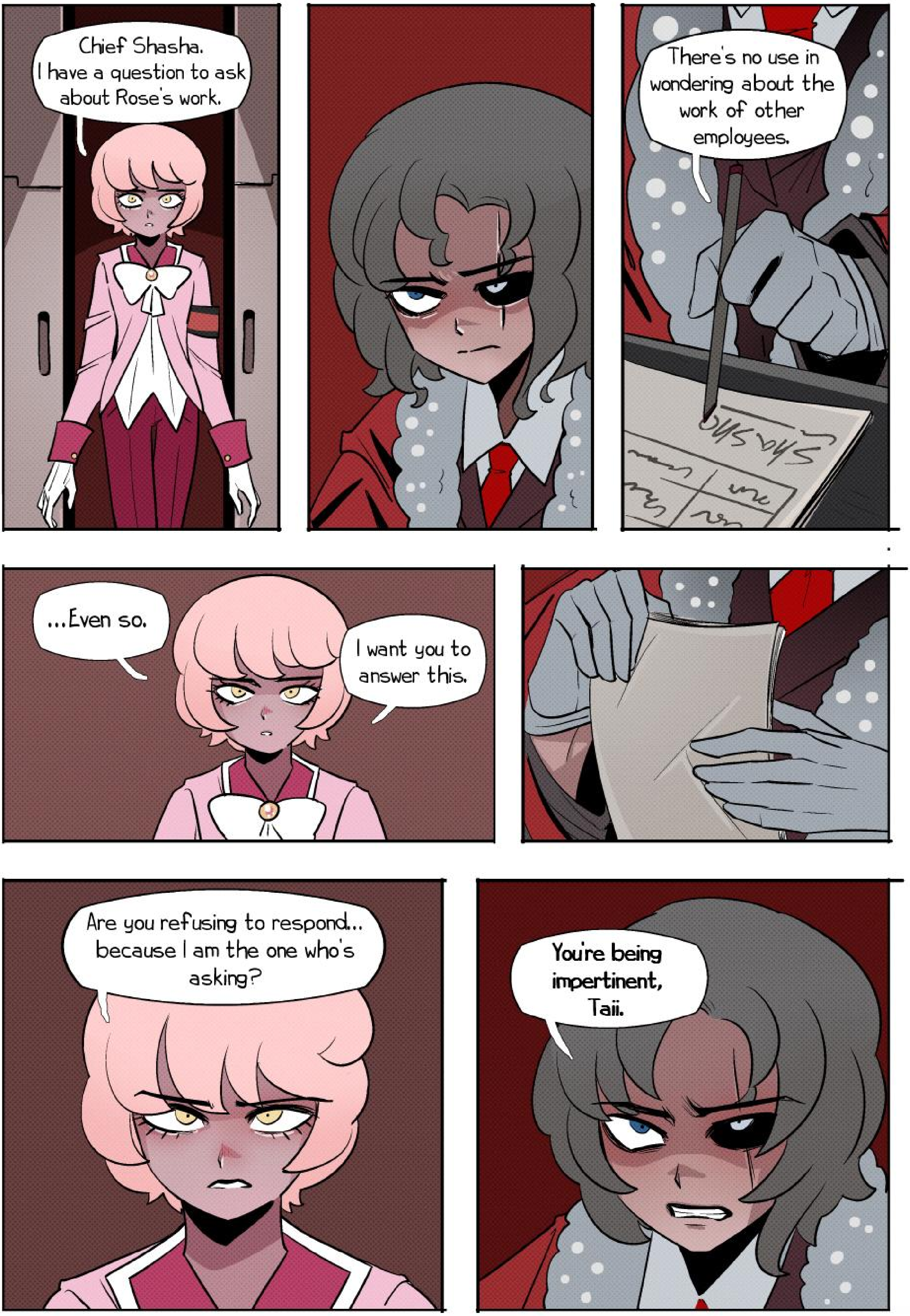
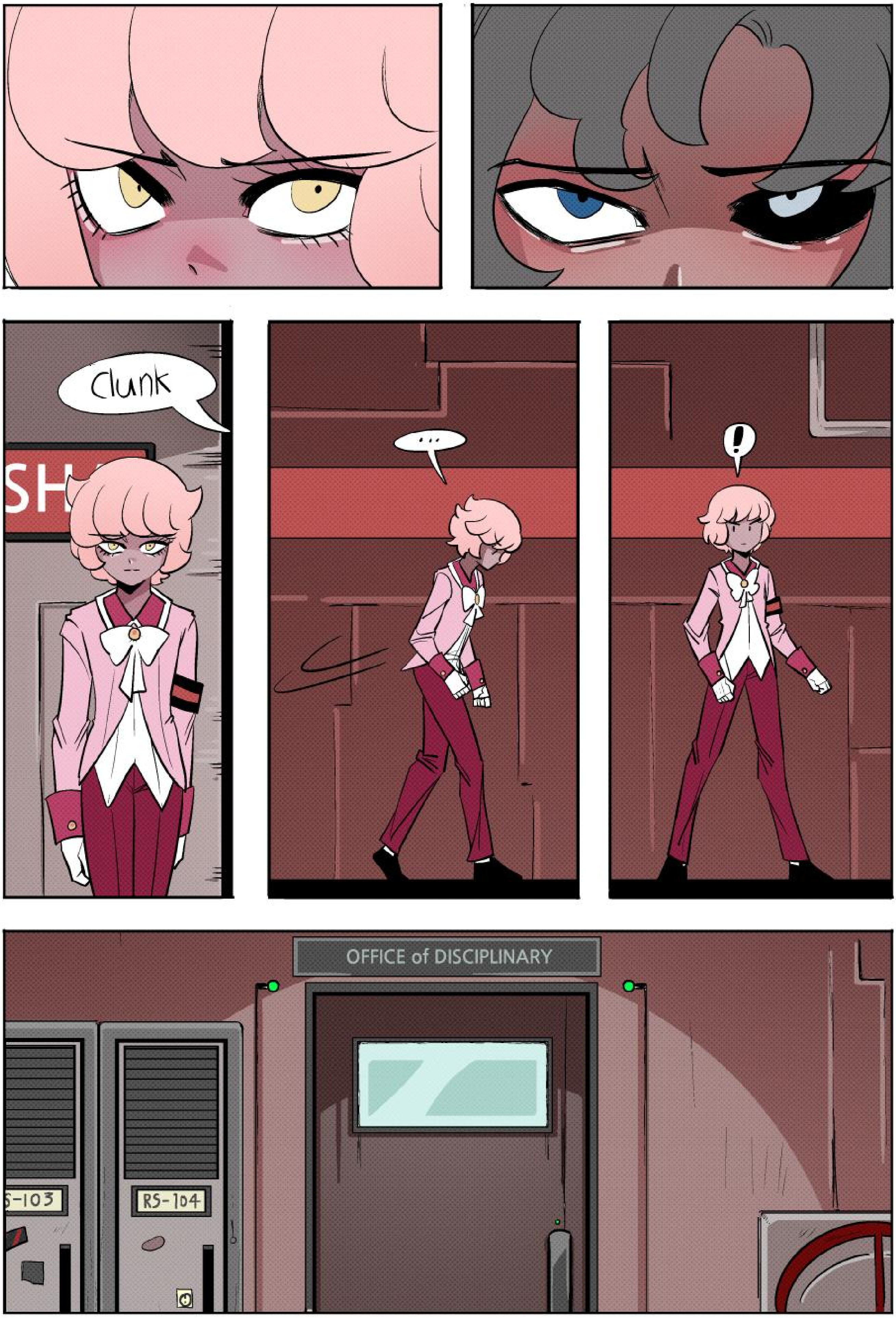

Suck my ENEGY!
Ah, Captain Catt!


Captain Catt's avoiding me, too. What should we do? At this rate...
POMATO
We'll go back to being nobodies to each other...
I still always talk to Captain Catt, though.
?
I should get to the containment.
Thanks for being with me.


I mean it.
I'm really thankful for it.
Yeah...
SHASHA
Come in.


Chief Shasha. I have a question to ask about Rose's work.
There's no use in wondering about the work of other employees.
...Even so.
I want you to answer this.
Are you refusing to respond... because I am the one who's asking?
You're being impertinent, Taii.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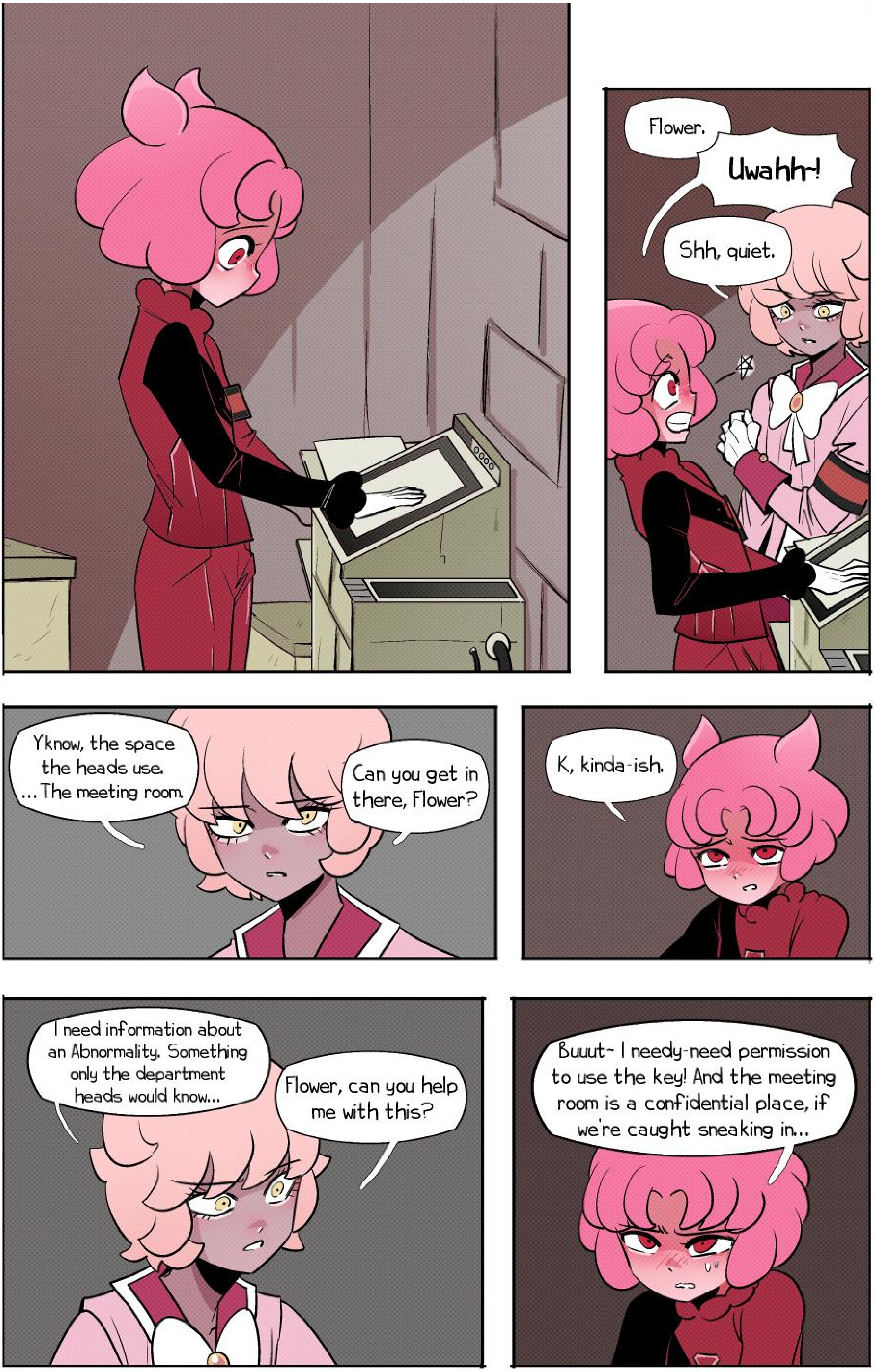
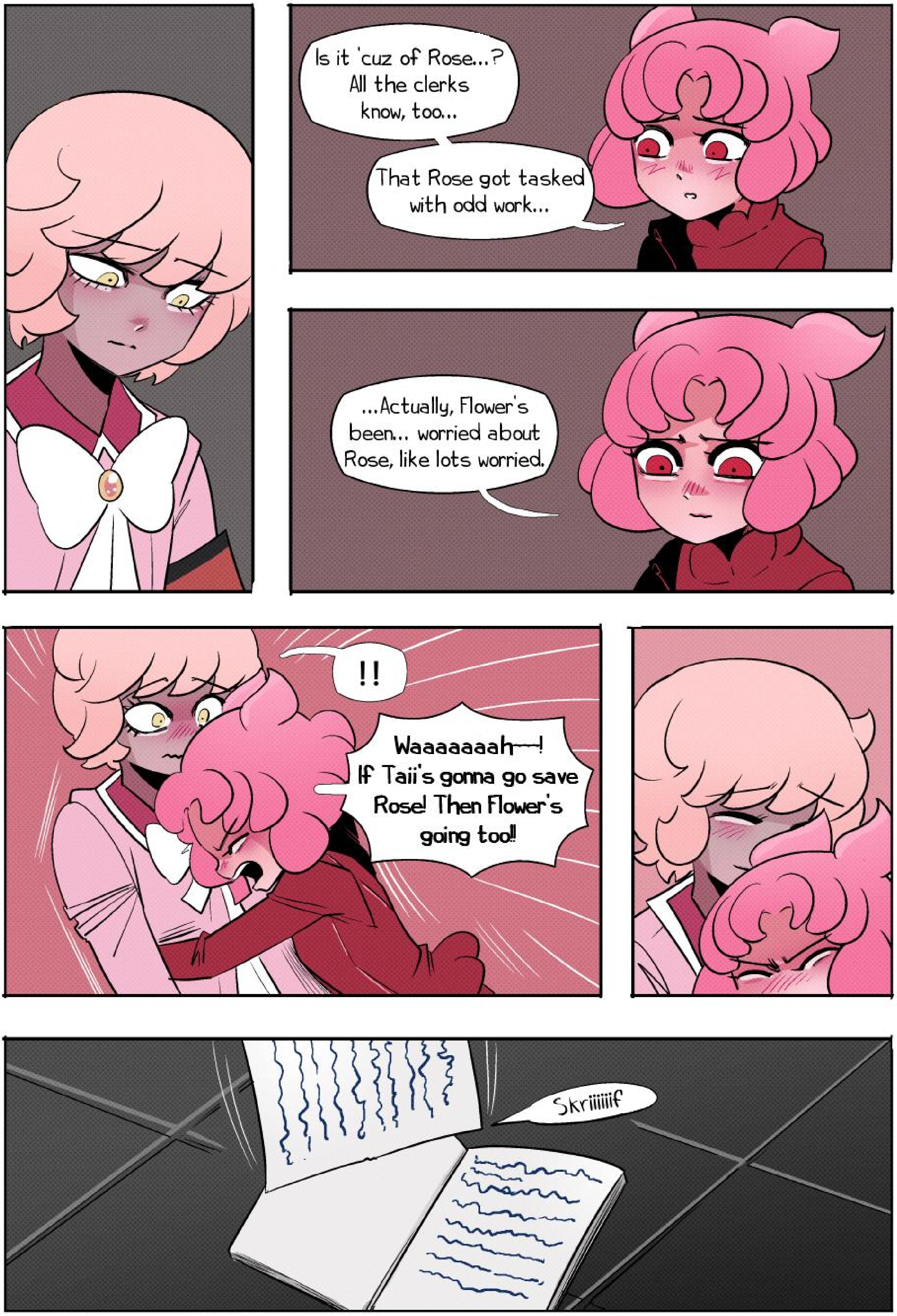

Flower.
Uwahh-!
Shh, quiet.
Y'know, the space the heads use. ...The meeting room.
Can you get in there, Flower?
K, kinda-ish.
I need information about an Abnormality. Something only the department heads would know...
Flower, can you help me with this?
Buuut- I needy-need permission to use the key! And the meeting room is a confidential place, if we're caught sneaking in...


Is it 'cuz of Rose...? All the clerks know, too...
That Rose got tasked with odd work...
...Actually, Flower's been... worried about Rose, like lots worried.
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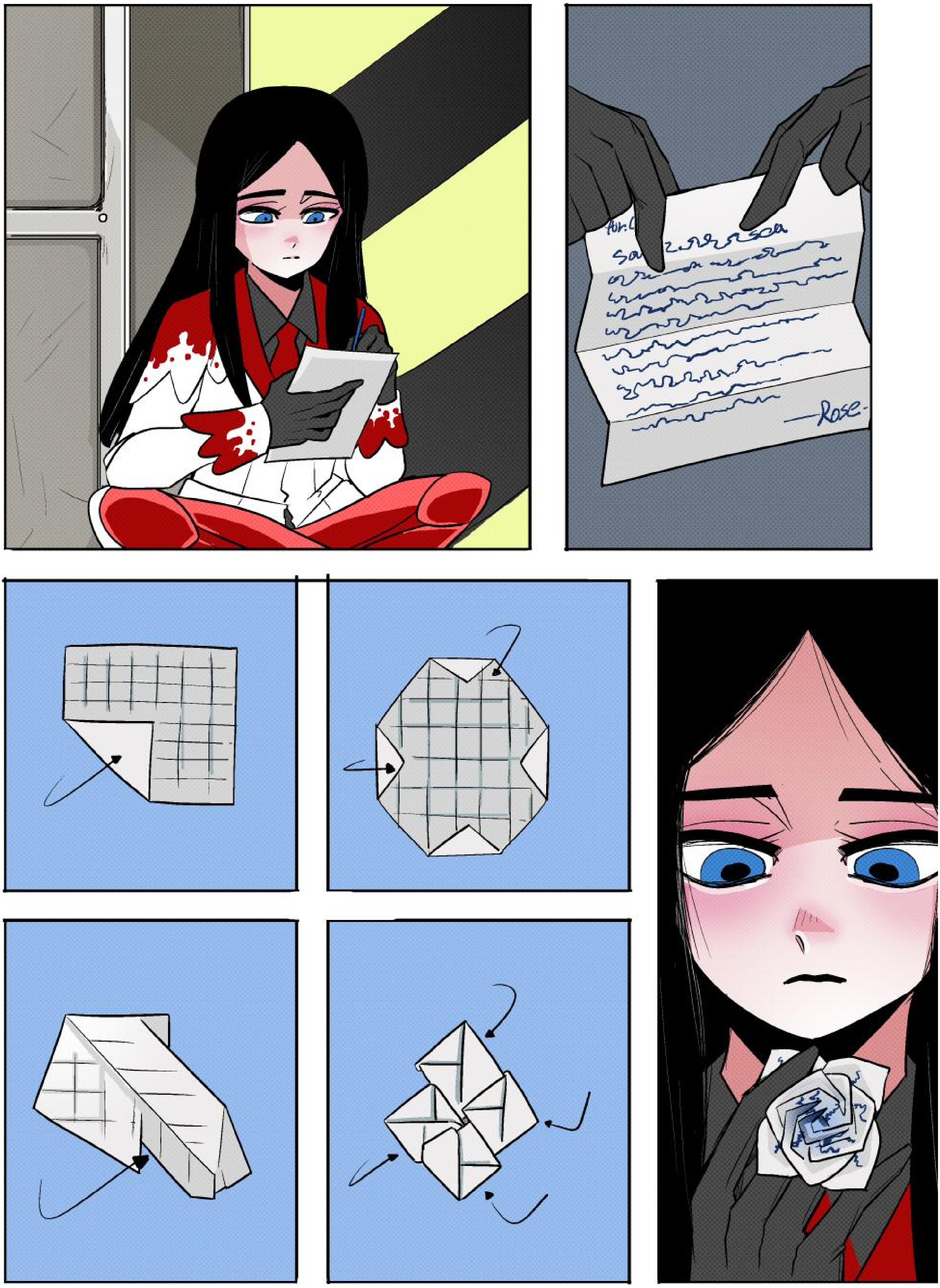
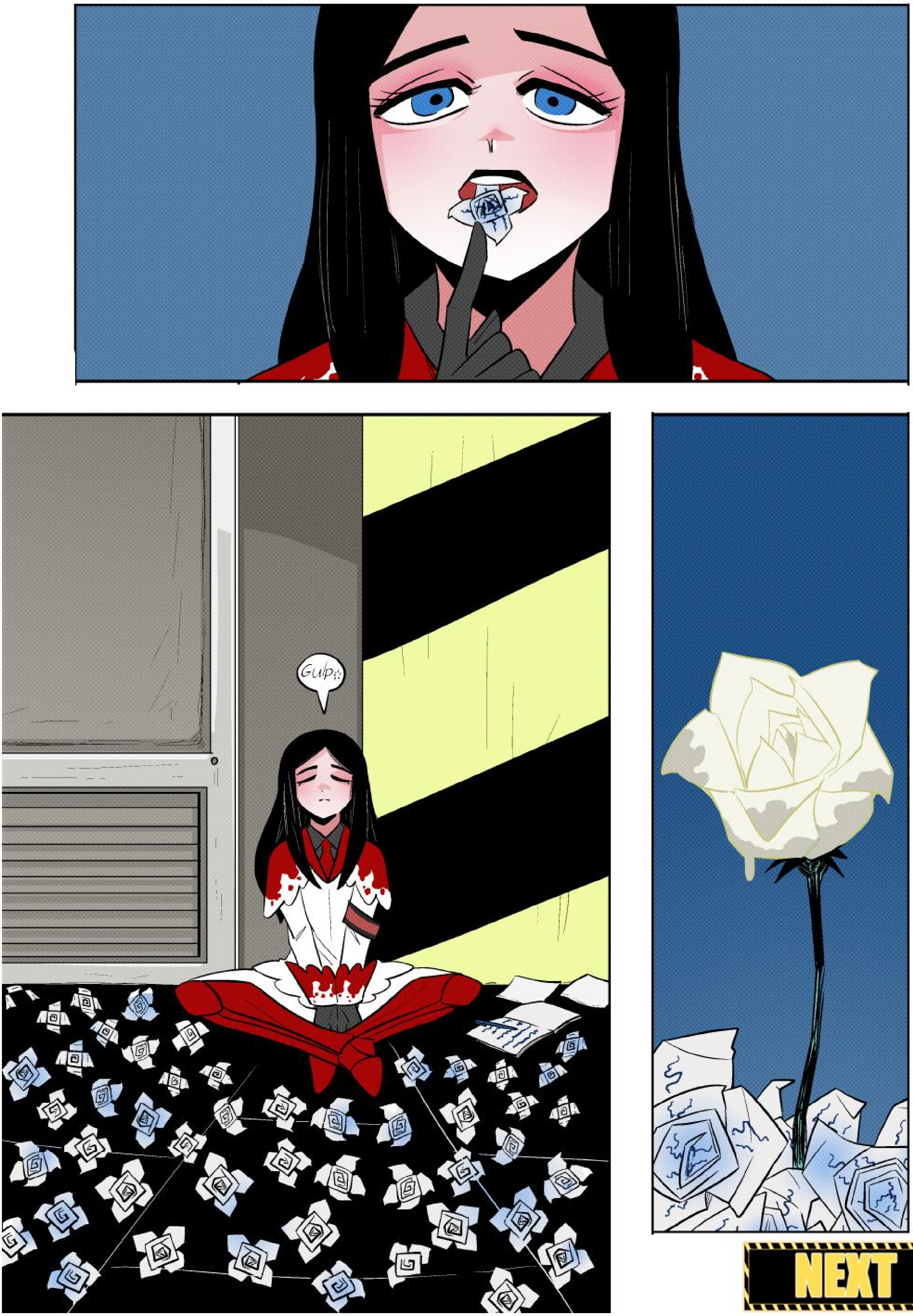
Waaaaaaah—! If Taii's gonna go save Rose! Then Flower's going too!!
Skriiiiiif


—Rose-



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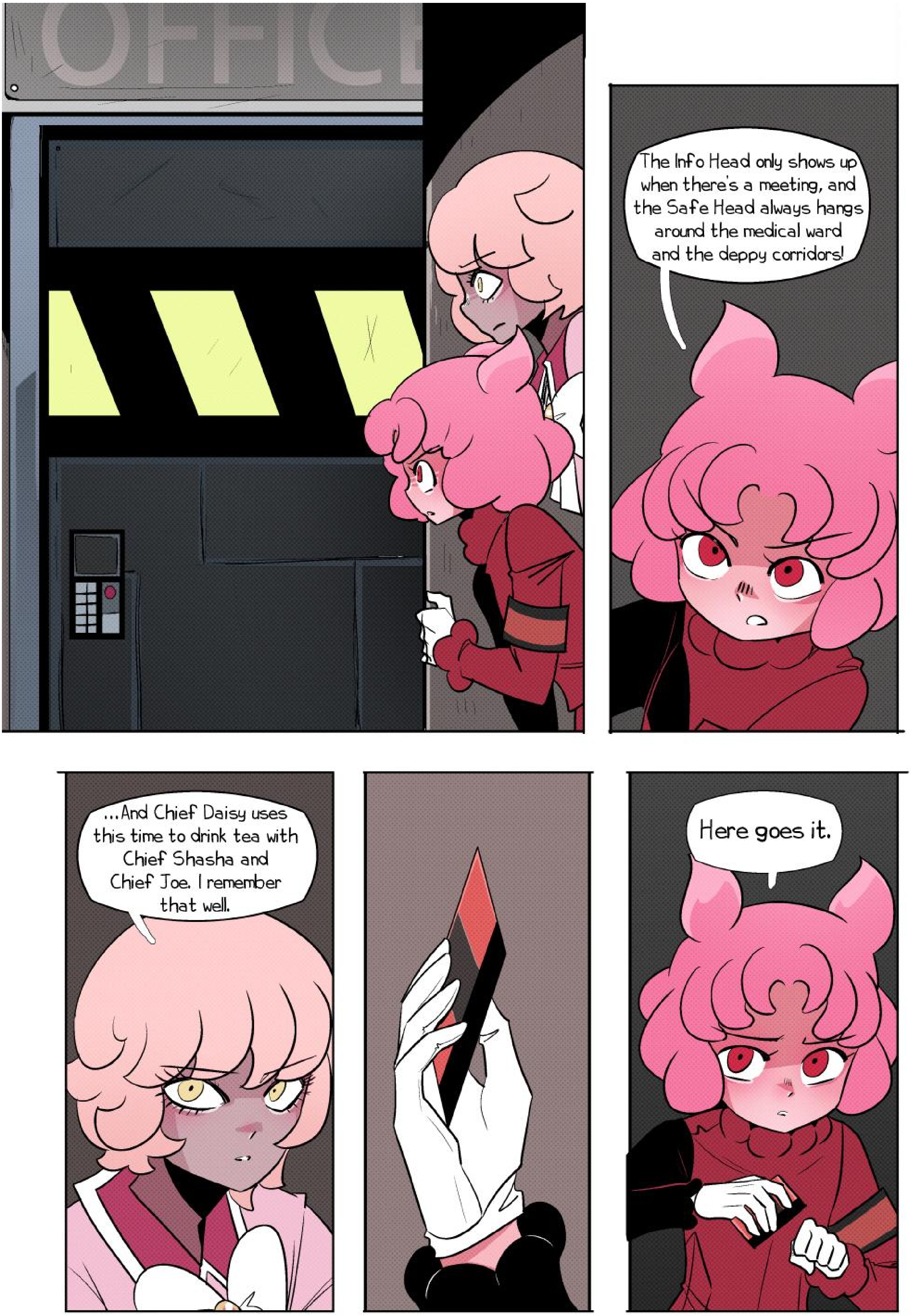
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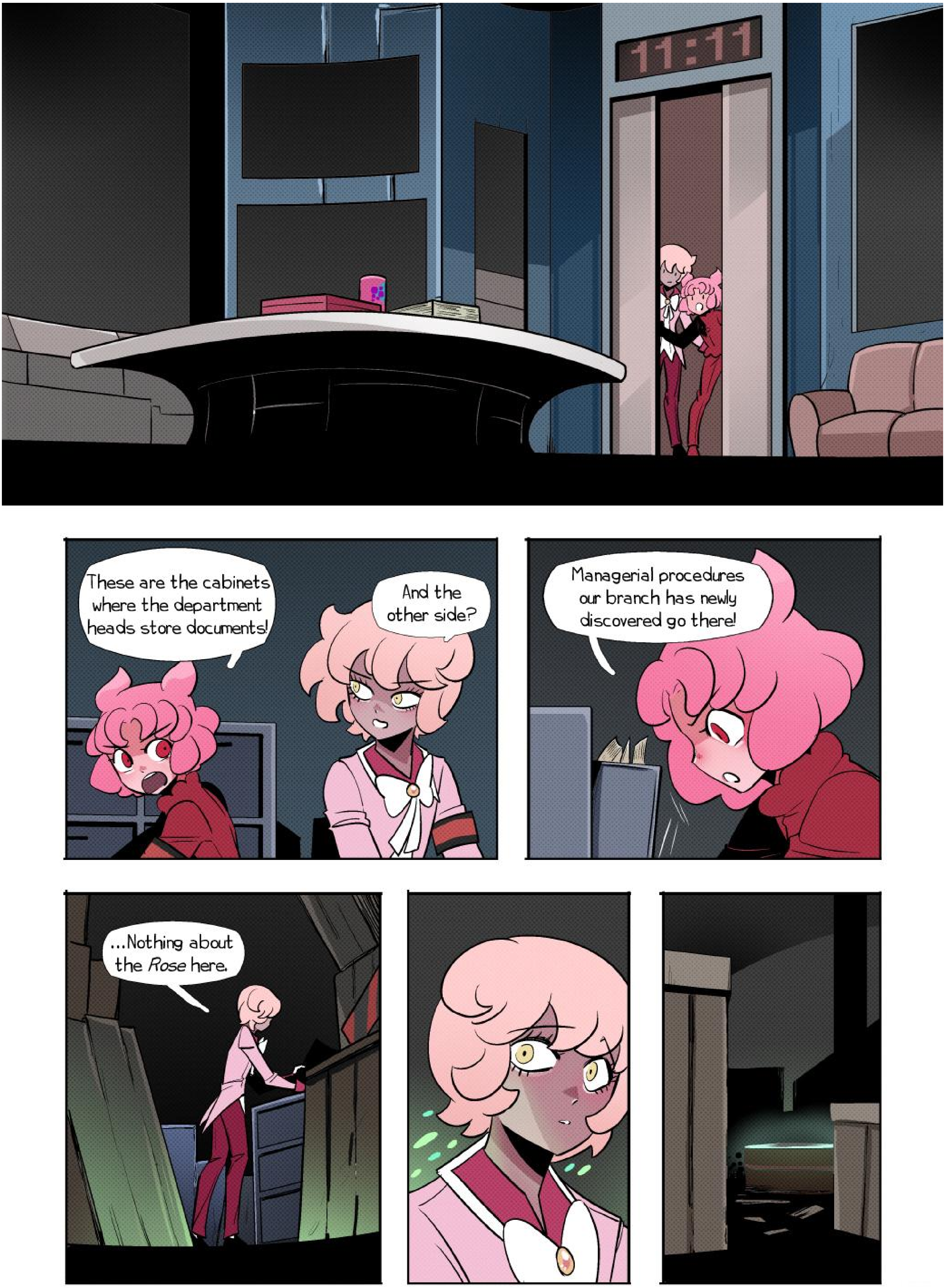
The Info Head only shows up when there's a meeting, and the Safe Head always hangs around the medical ward and the deppy corridors!
...And Chief Daisy uses this time to drink tea with Chief Shasha and Chief Joe. I remember that well.
Here goes it.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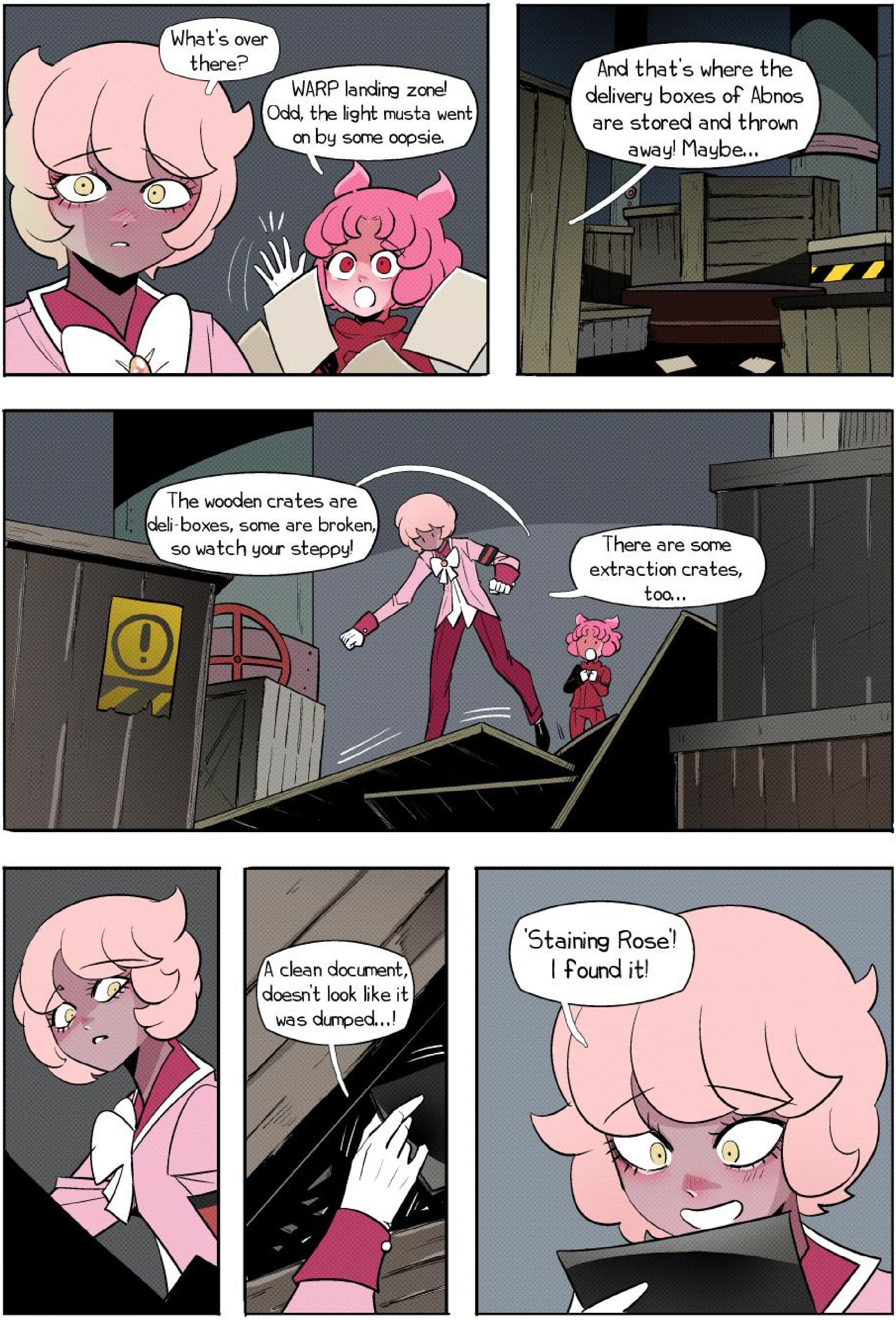
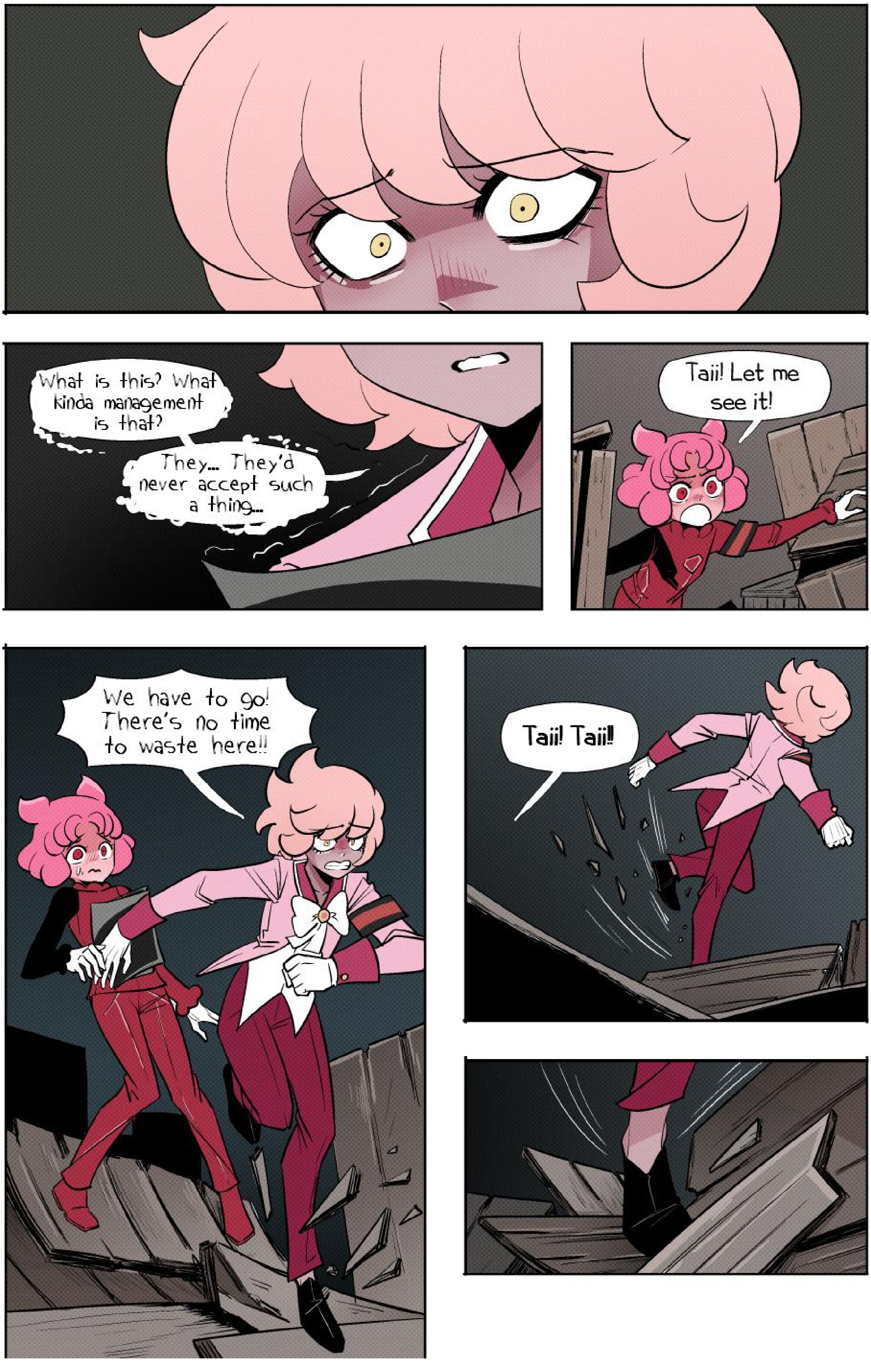
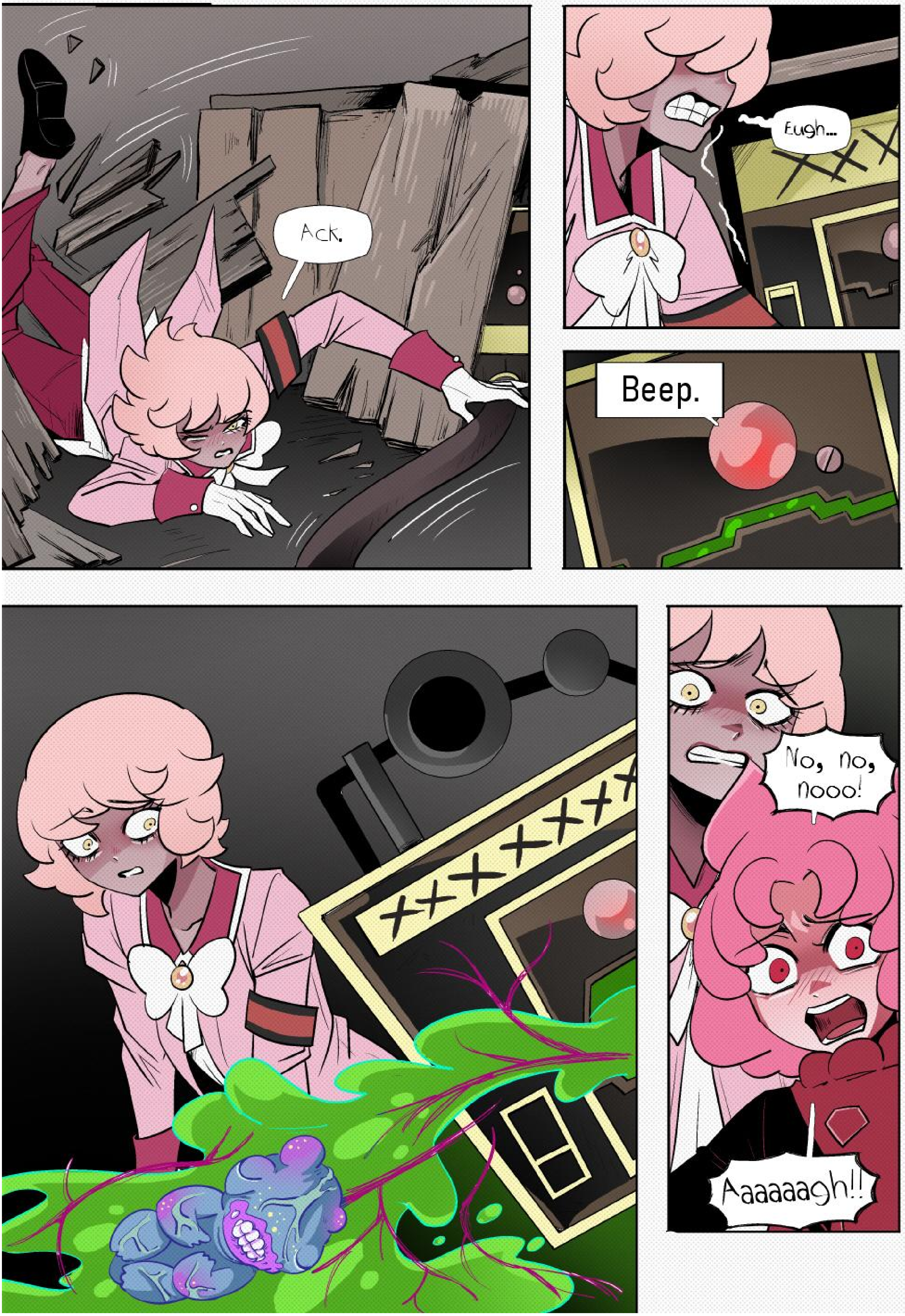
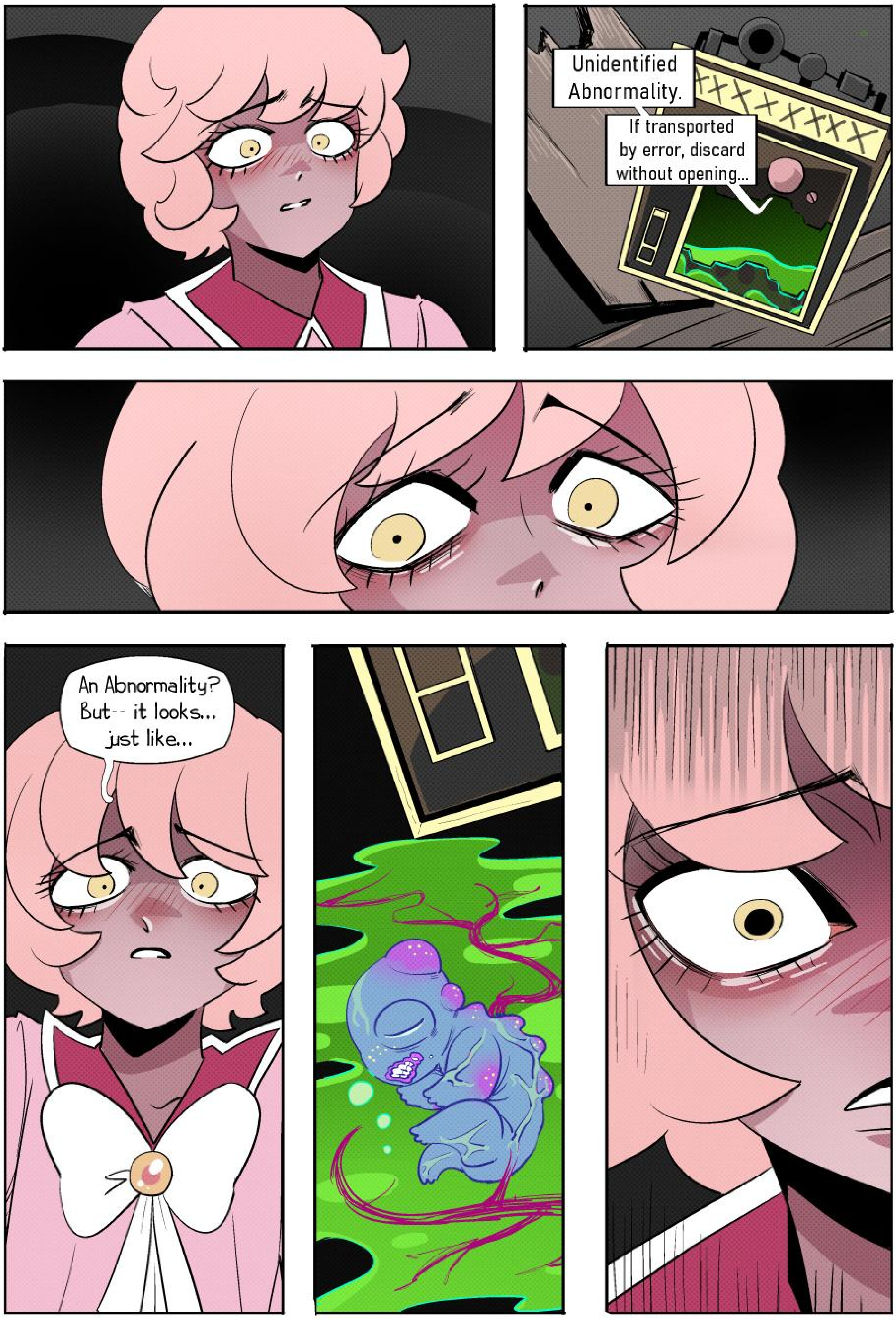
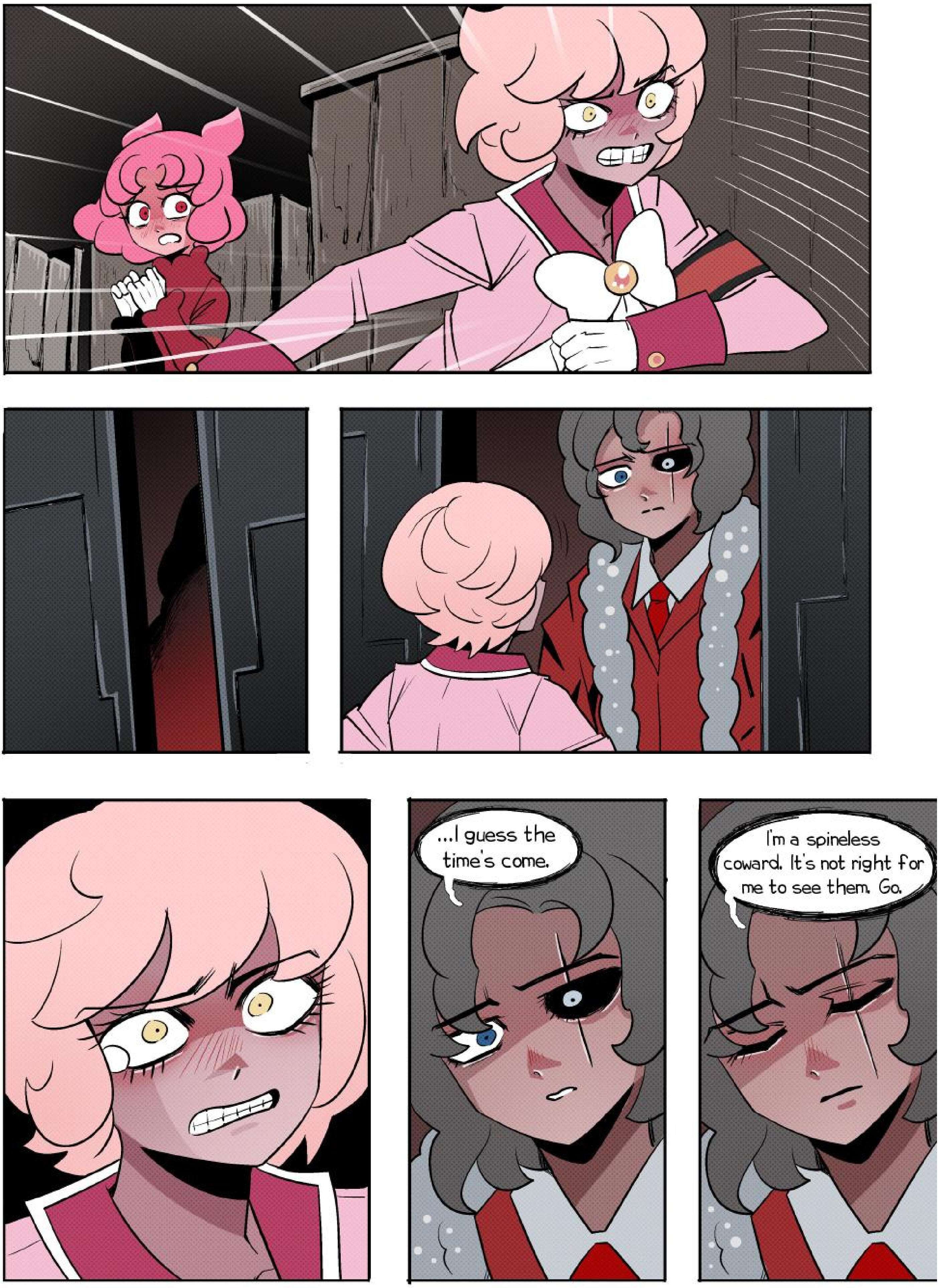
These are the cabinets where the department heads store documents!
And the other side?
Managerial procedures our branch has newly discovered go there!
...Nothing about the *Rose* here.

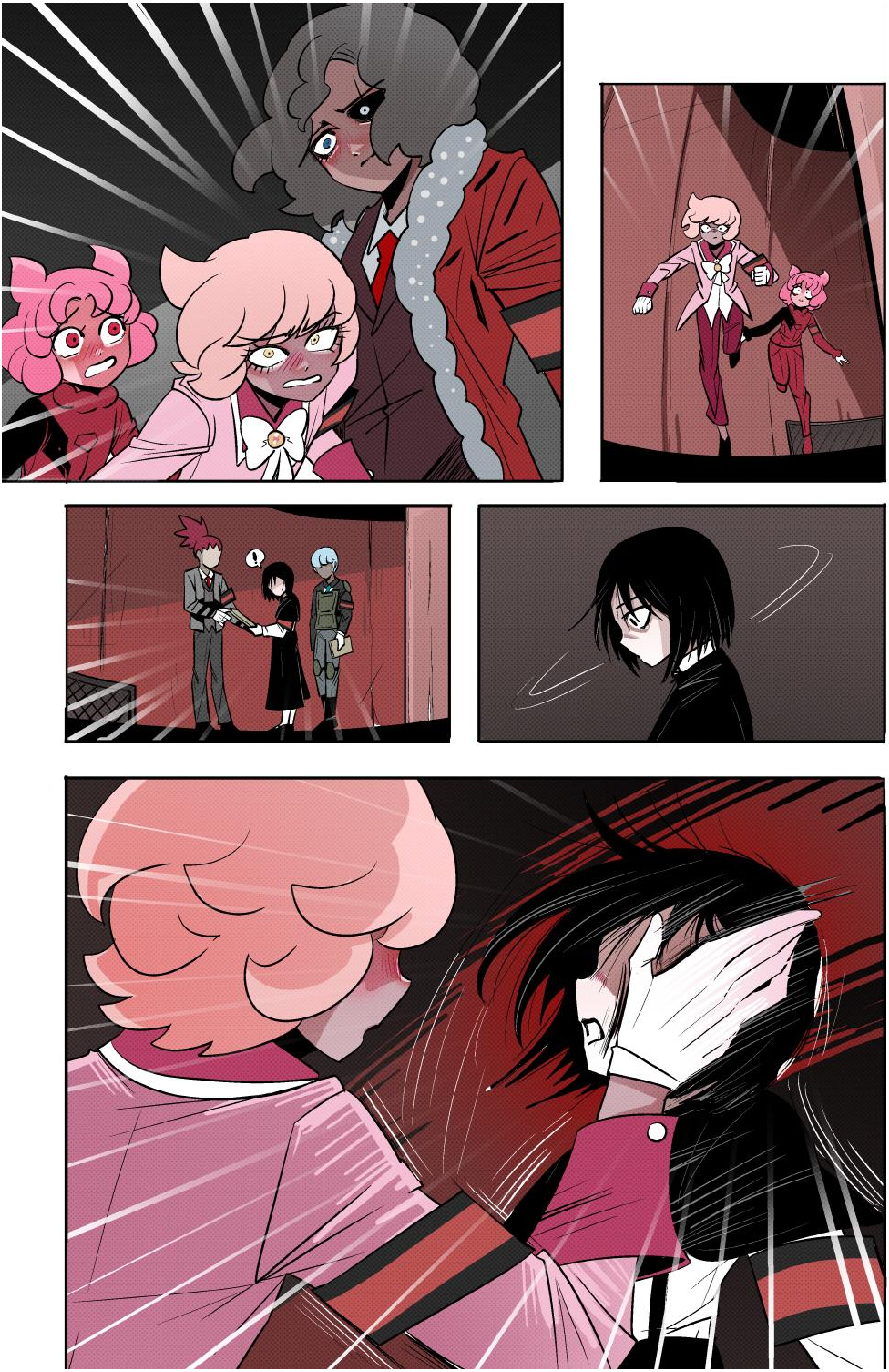

What's over there?
WARP landing zone! Odd, the light musta went on by some oopsie.
And that's where the delivery boxes of Abnos are stored and thrown away! Maybe...
The wooden crates are deli-boxes, some are broken, so watch your steppy!
There are some extraction crates, too...
A clean document, doesn't look like it was dumped...!
'Staining Rose'! I found it!

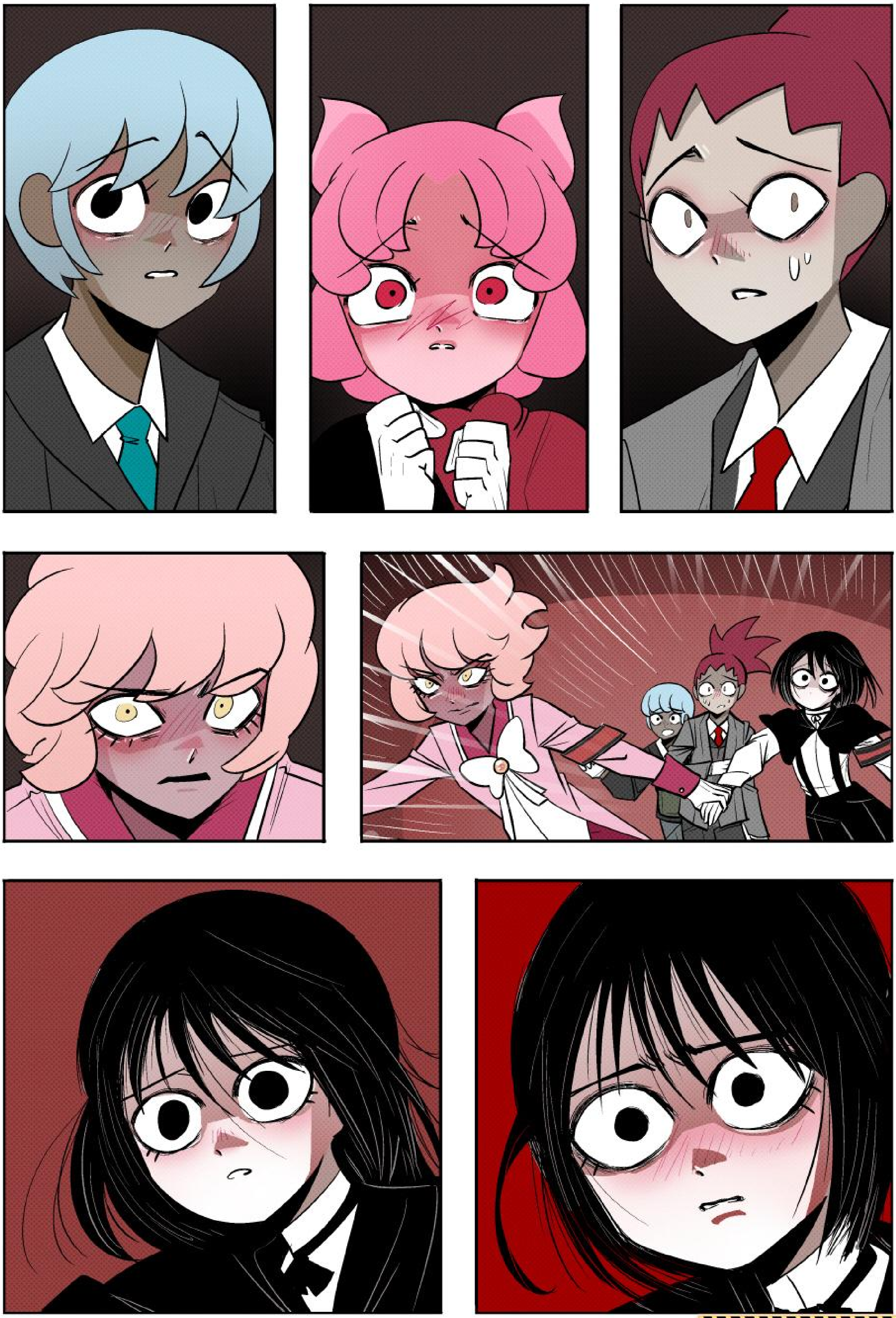

What is this? What kinda management is that?
They... They'd never accept such a thing...
Taii! Let me see it!
We have to go! There's no time to waste here!!
Taii! Taii!!


Ack.
Eugh...
Beep.
No, no, nooo!
Aaaaaagh!!


Unidentified Abnormality.
If transported by error, discard without opening...
An Abnormality? But-- it looks... just like...


...I guess the time's come.
I'm a spineless coward. It's not right for me to see them. Go.





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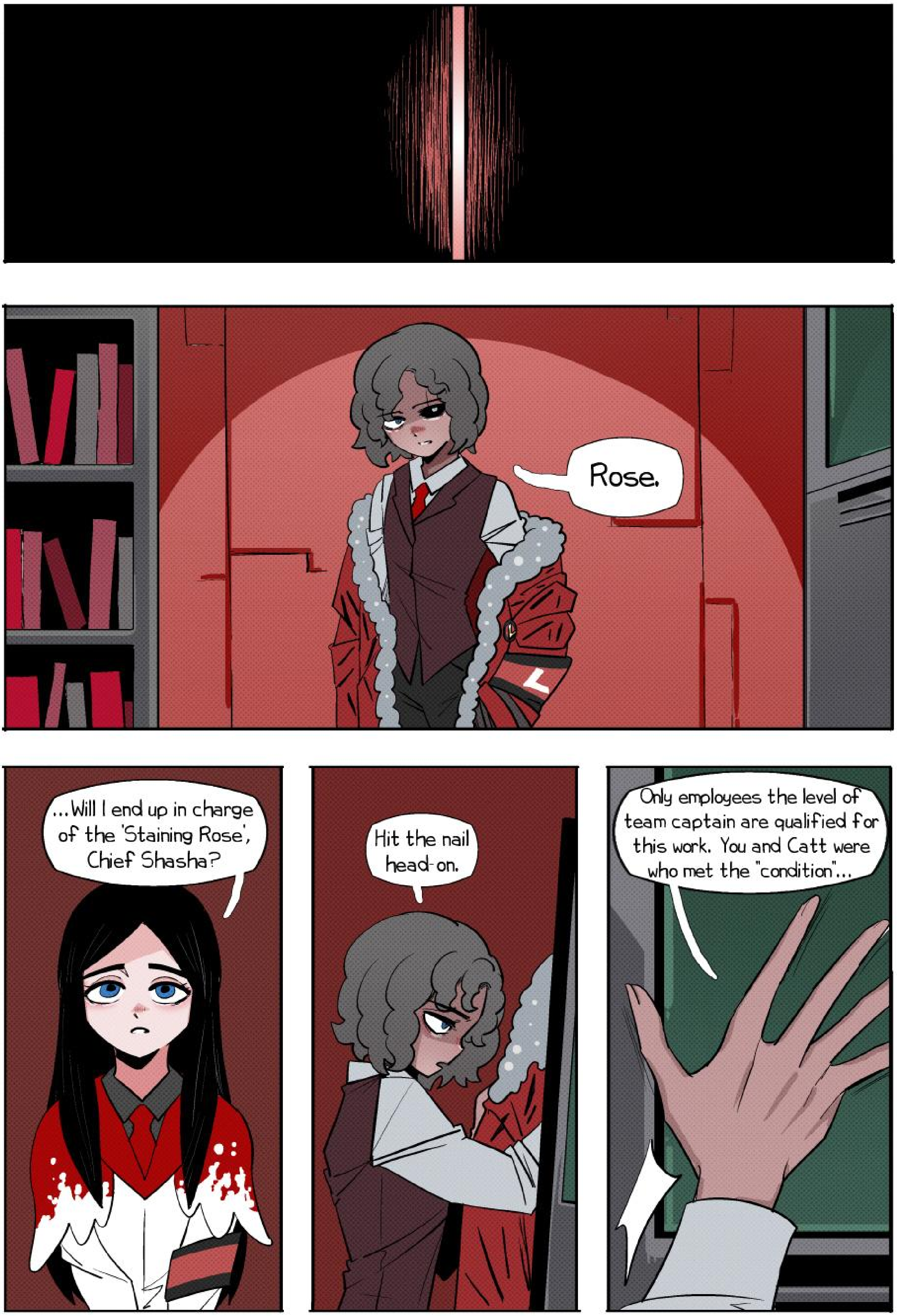
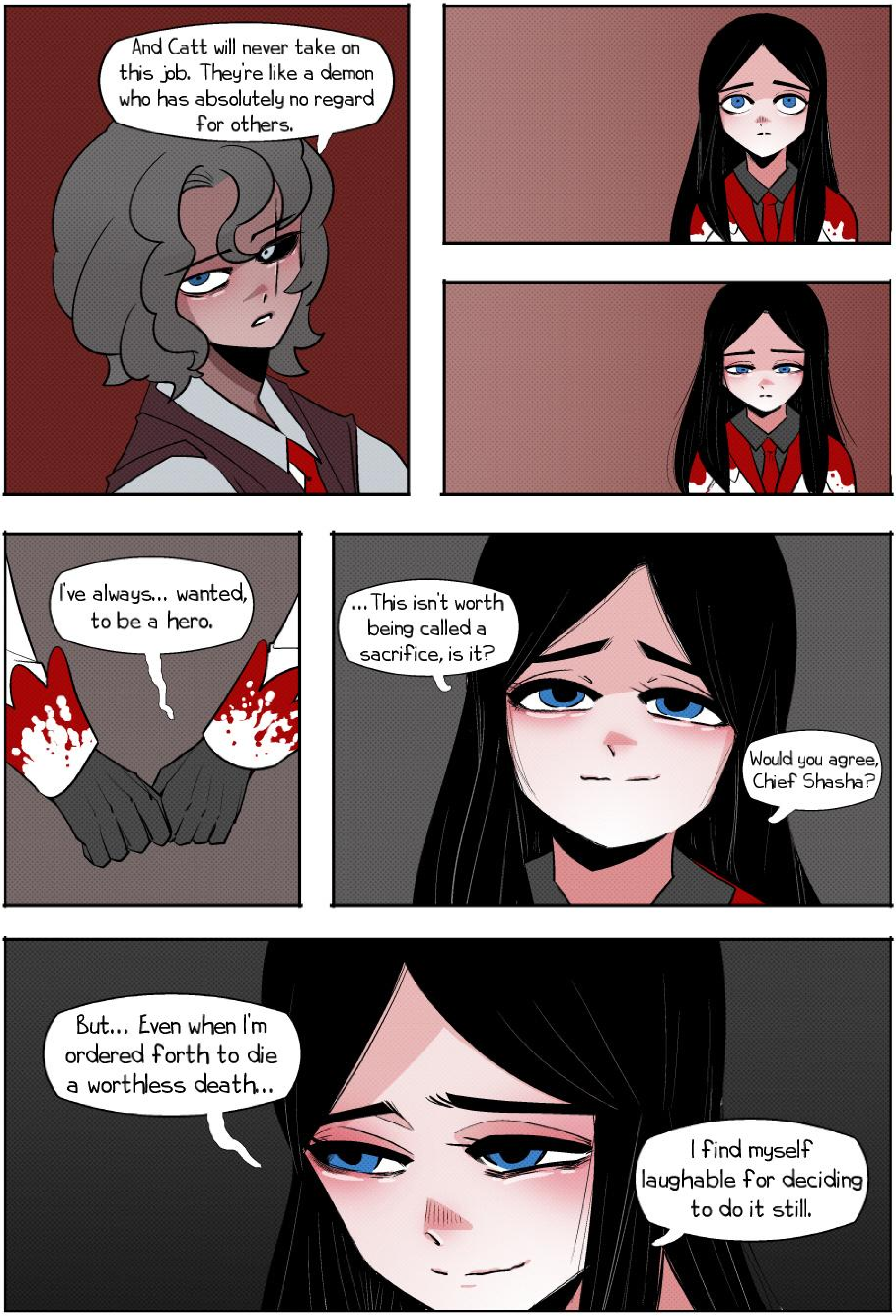
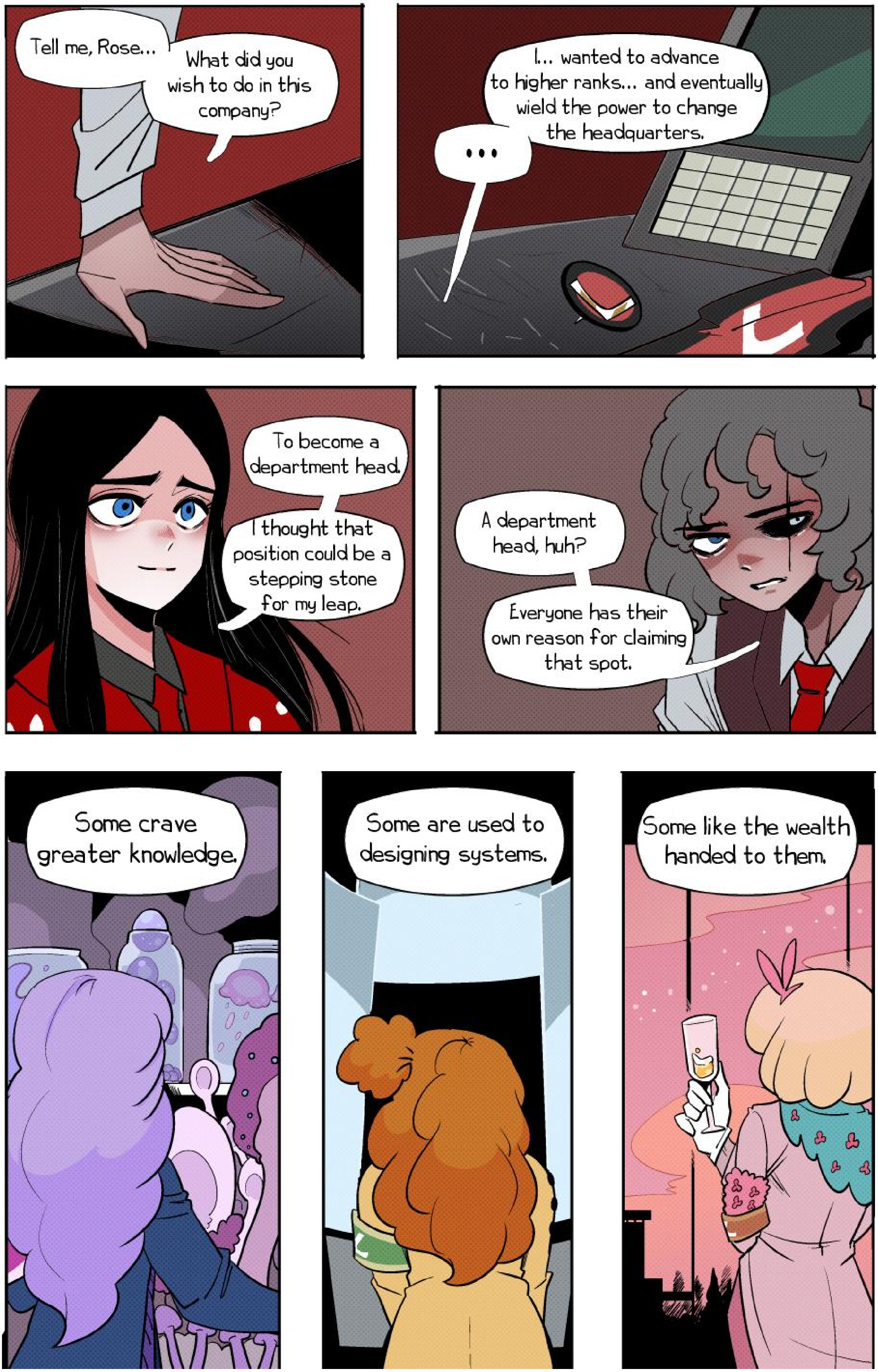
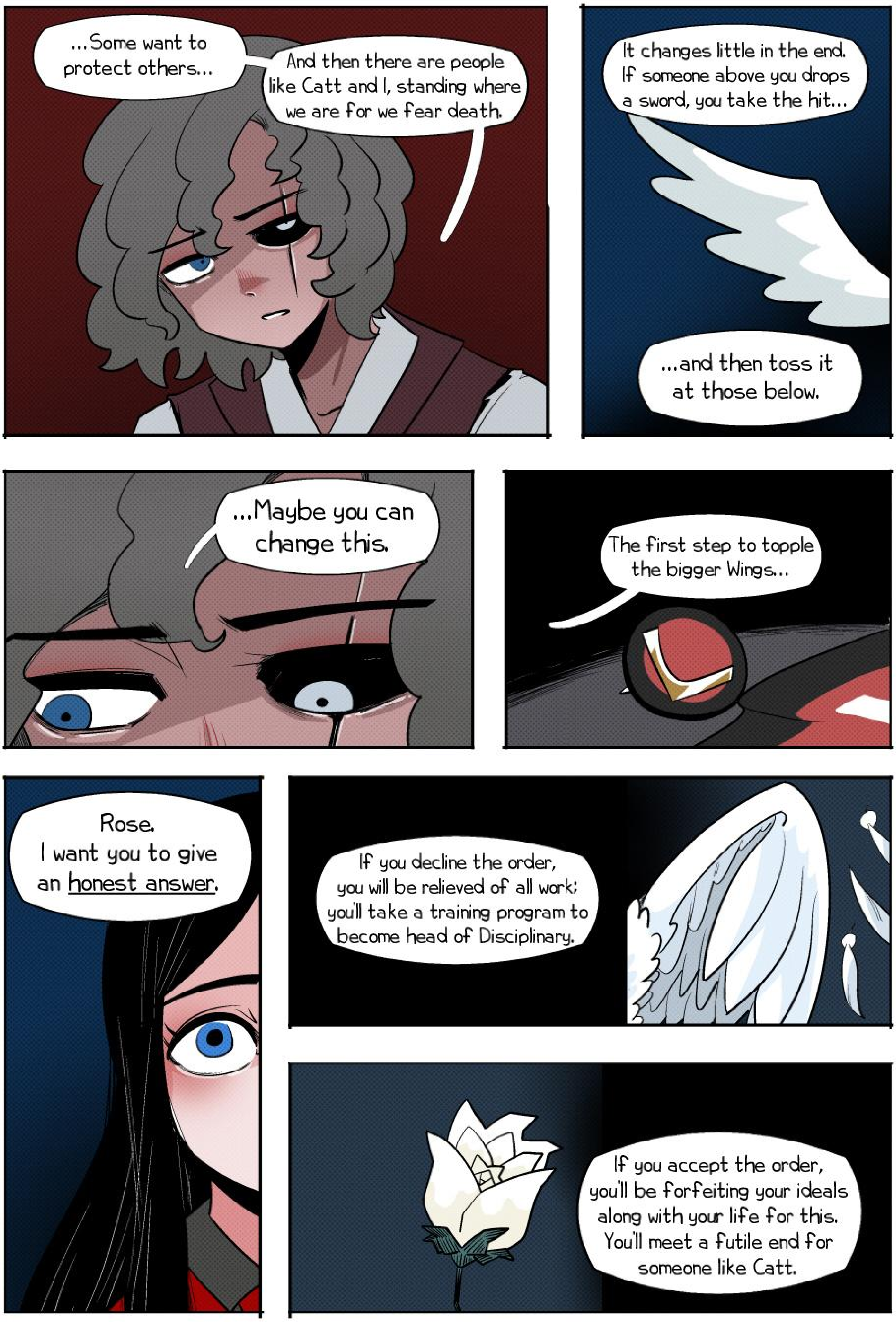
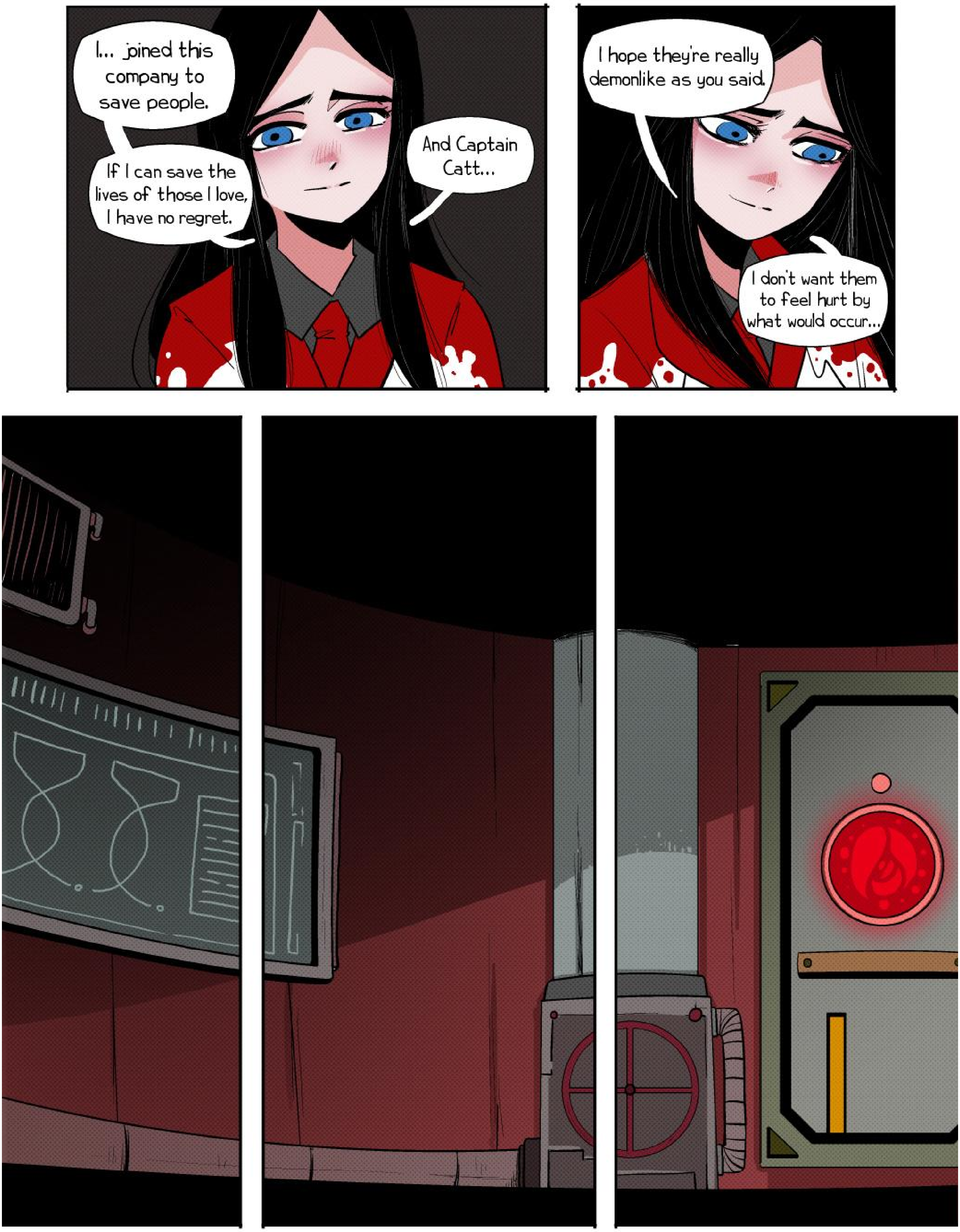
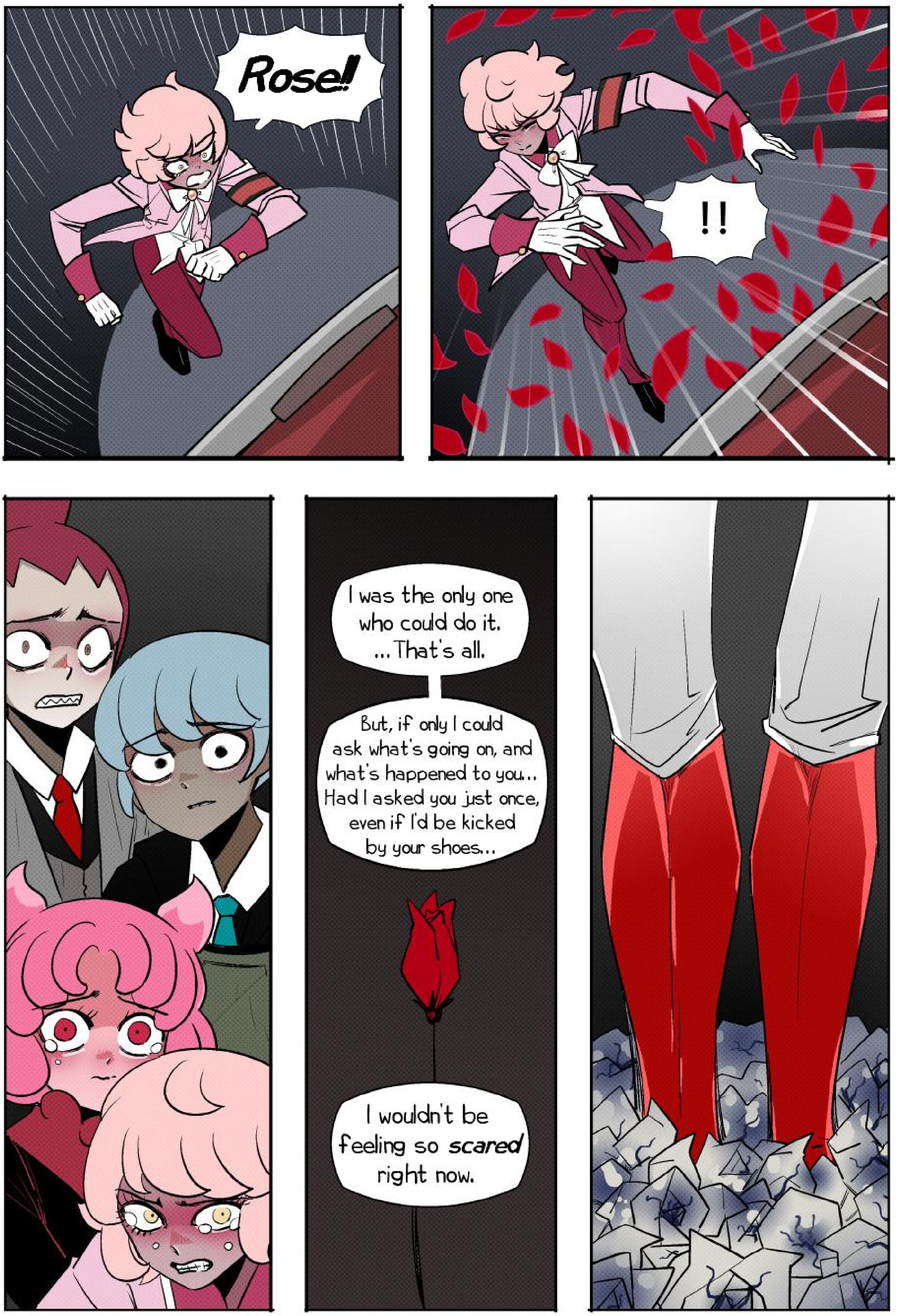

Rose.
...Will I end up in charge of the 'Staining Rose', Chief Shasha?
Hit the nail head-on.
Only employees the level of team captain are qualified for this work. You and Catt were who met the "condition"...

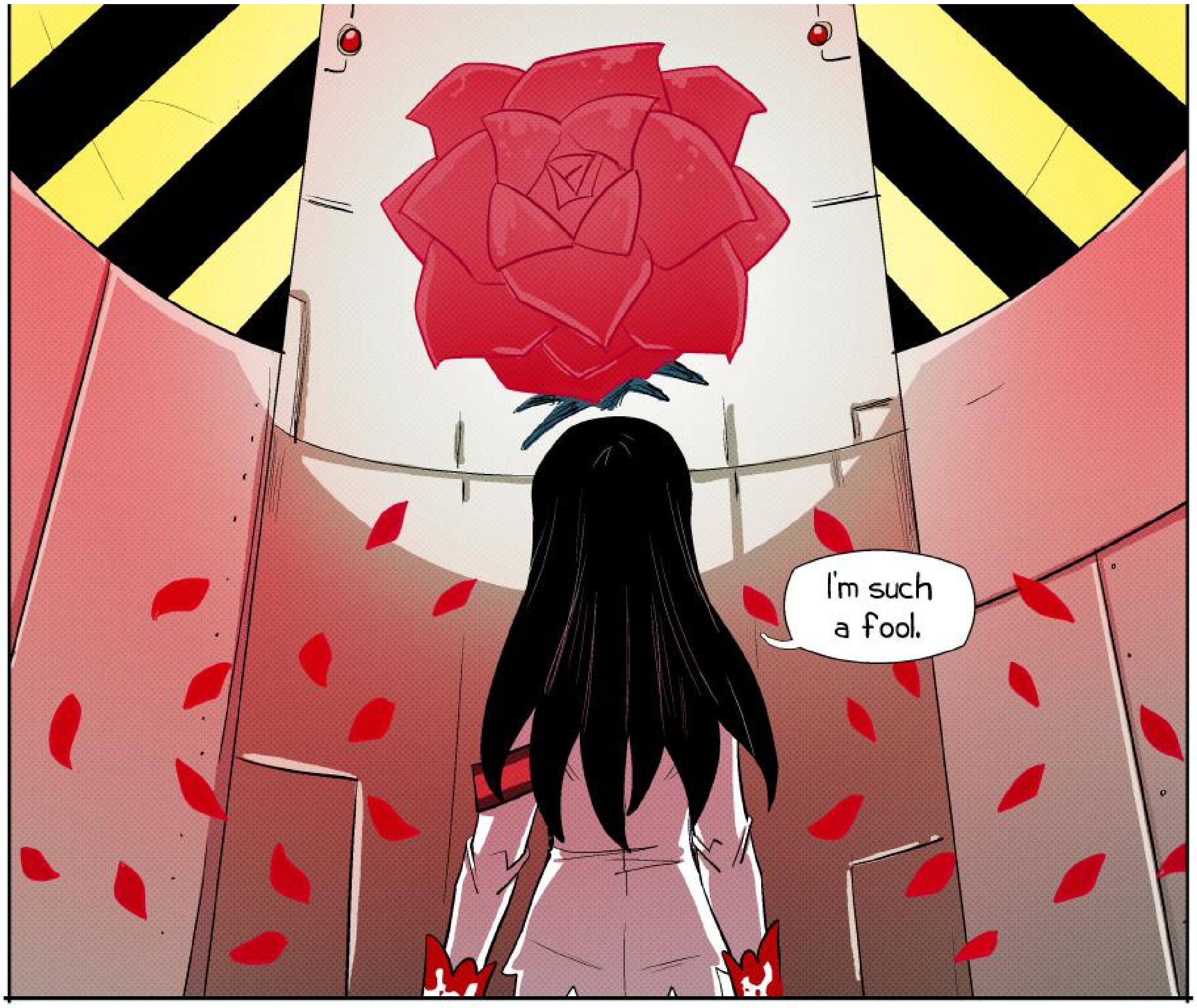

And Catt will never take on this job. They're like a demon who has absolutely no regard for others.
I've always... wanted, to be a hero.
...This isn't worth being called a sacrifice, is it?
Would you agree, Chief Shasha?
But... Even when I'm ordered forth to die a worthless death...
I find myself laughable for deciding to do it still.

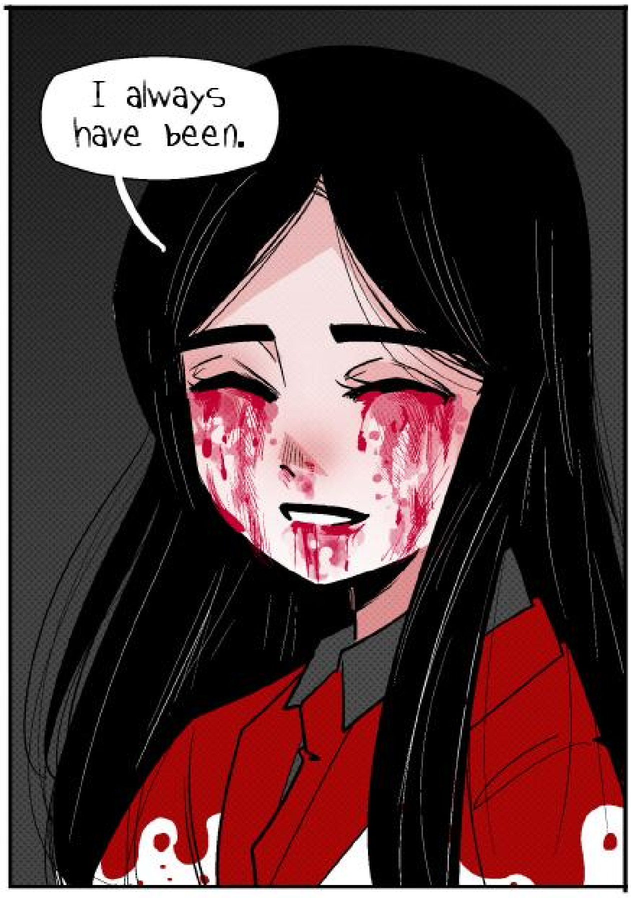

Tell me, Rose...
What did you wish to do in this company?
I... wanted to advance to higher ranks... and eventually wield the power to change the headquarters.
...
To become a department head.
I thought that position could be a stepping stone for my leap.
A department head, huh?
Everyone has their own reason for claiming that spot.
Some crave greater knowledge.
Some are used to designing systems.
Some like the wealth handed to them.

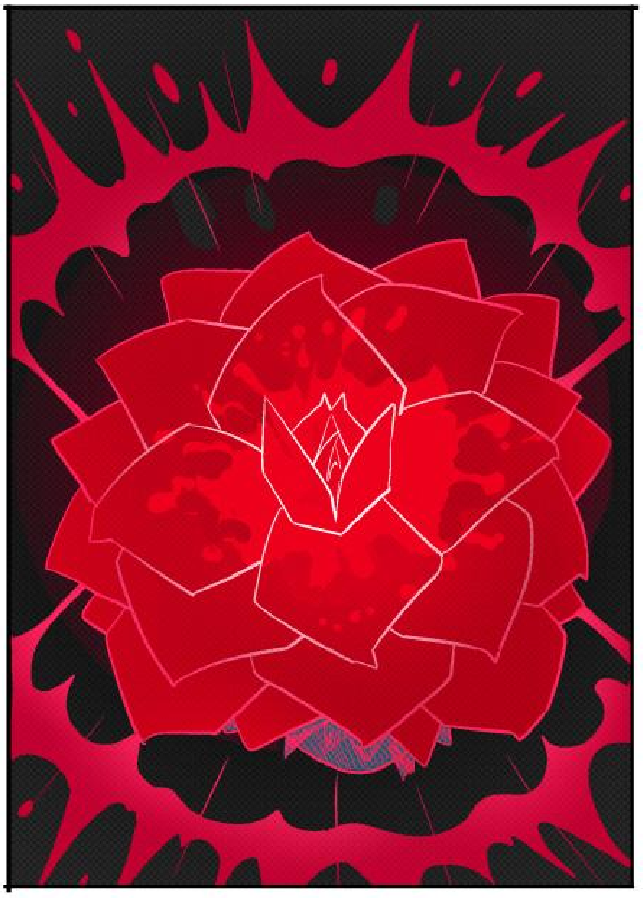

...Some want to protect others...
And then there are people like Catt and I, standing where we are for we fear death.
It changes little in the end. If someone above you drops a sword, you take the hit...
...and then toss it at those below.
...Maybe you can change this.
The first step to topple the bigger Wings...
Rose. I want you to give an honest answer.
If you decline the order, you will be relieved of all work; you'll take a training program to become head of Disciplinary.
If you accept the order, you'll be forfeiting your ideals along with your life for this. You'll meet a futile end for someone like Catt.

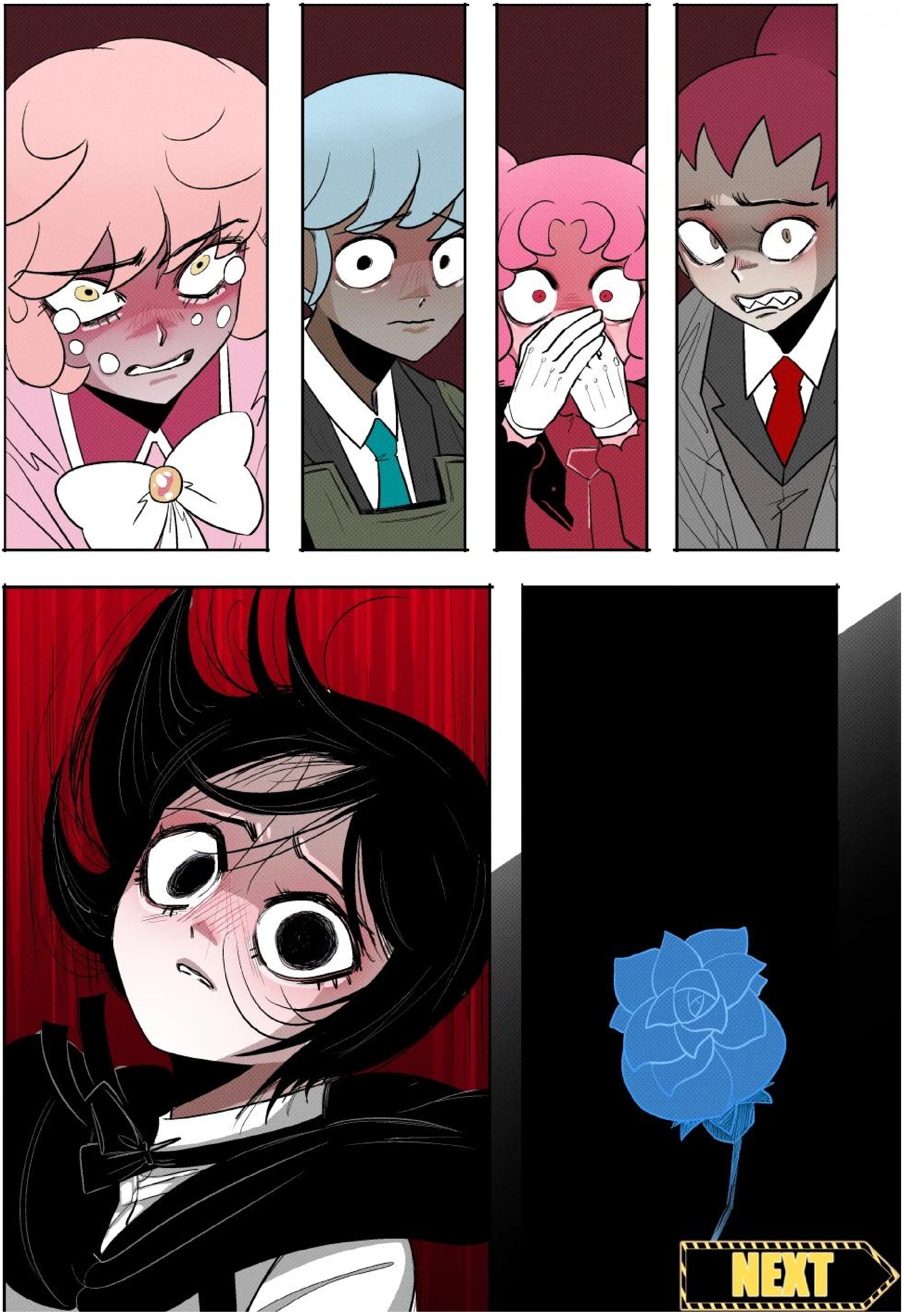

I... joined this company to save people.
If I can save the lives of those I love, I have no regret.
And Captain Catt...
I hope they're really demonlike as you said.
I don't want them to feel hurt by what would occur...


Rose!!
!!
I was the only one who could do it. ...That's all.
But, if only I could ask what's going on, and what's happened to you.. Had I asked you just once, even if I'd be kicked by your shoes...
I wouldn't be feeling so *scared* right now.


I'm such a fool.


I always have been.

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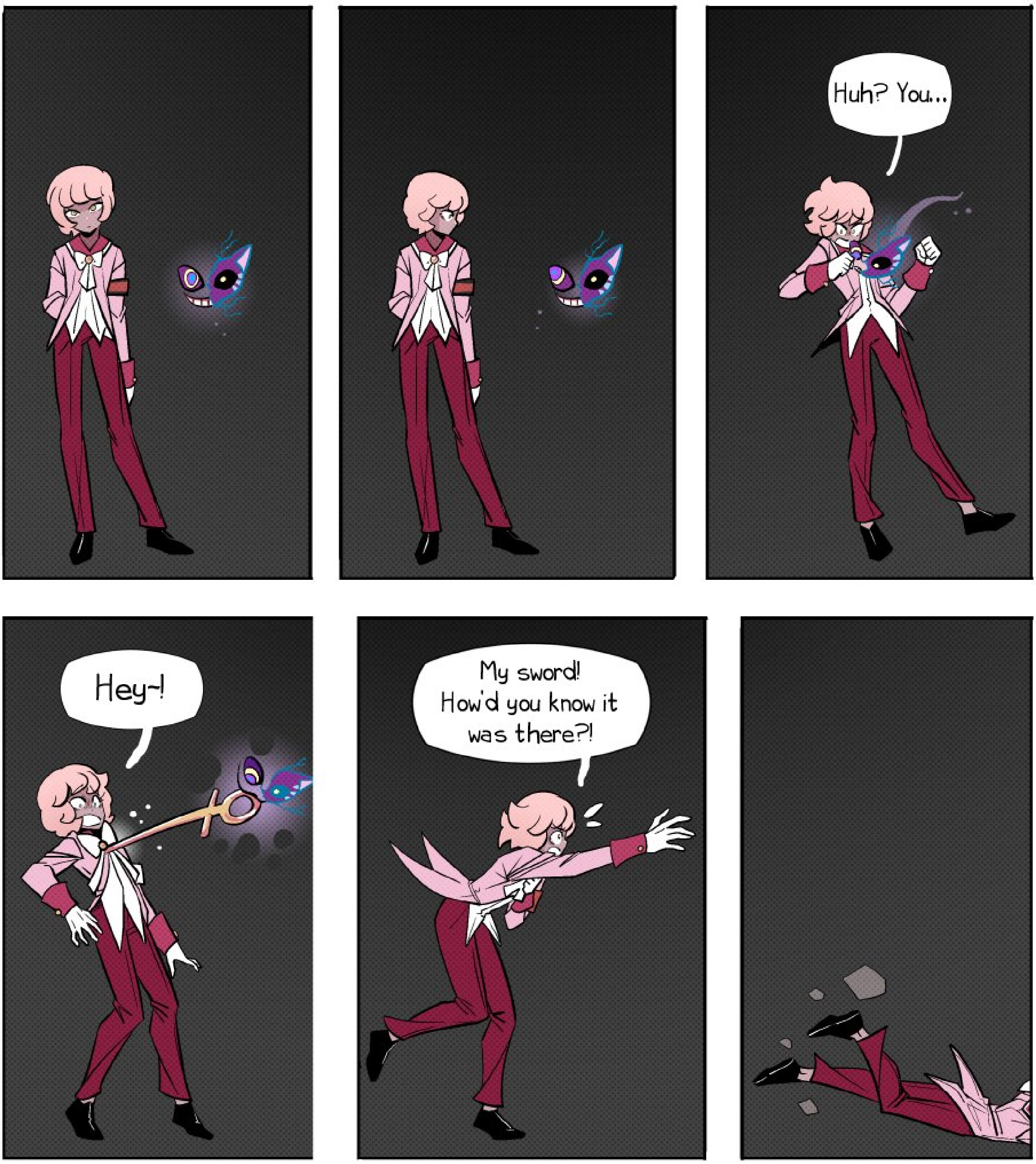
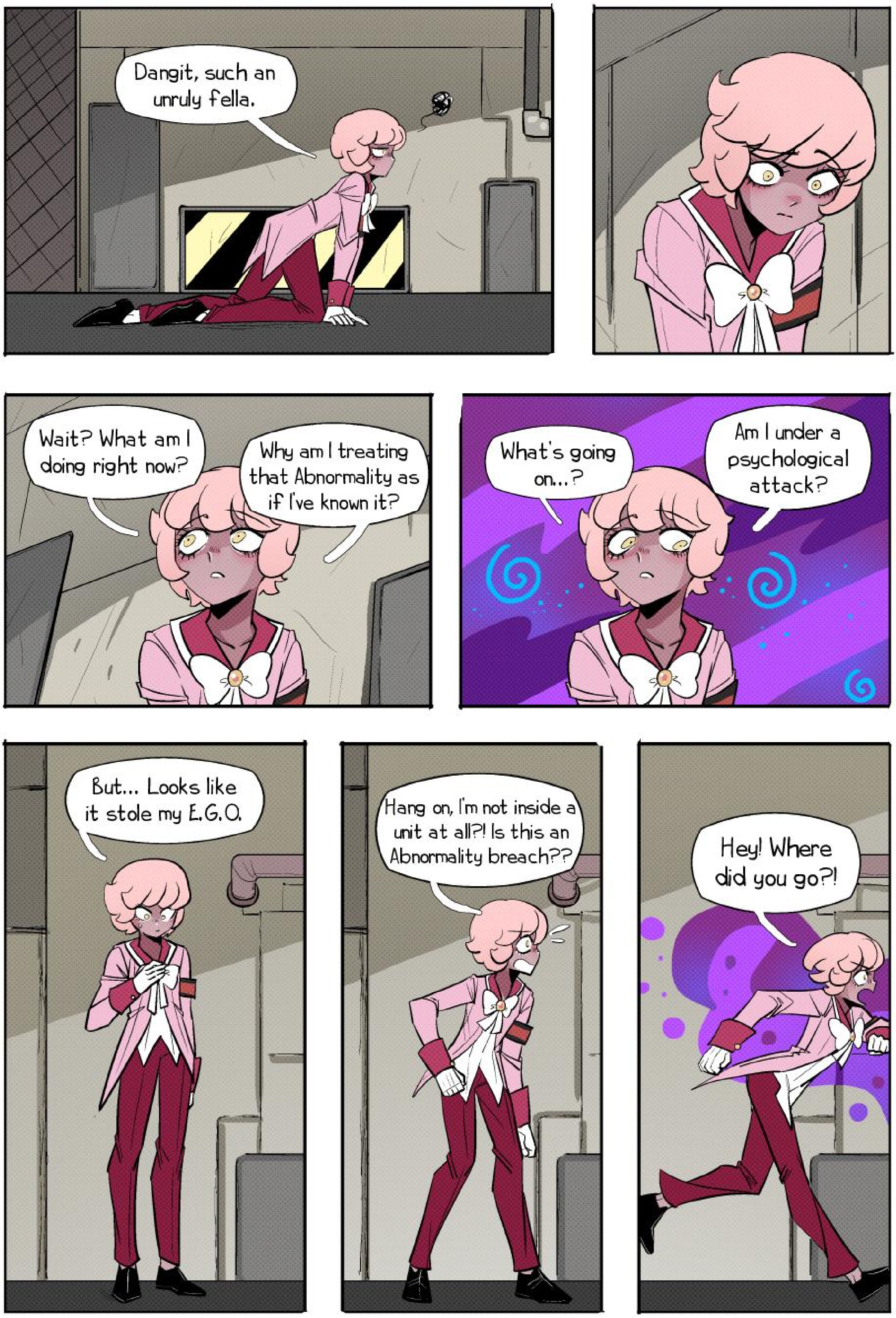
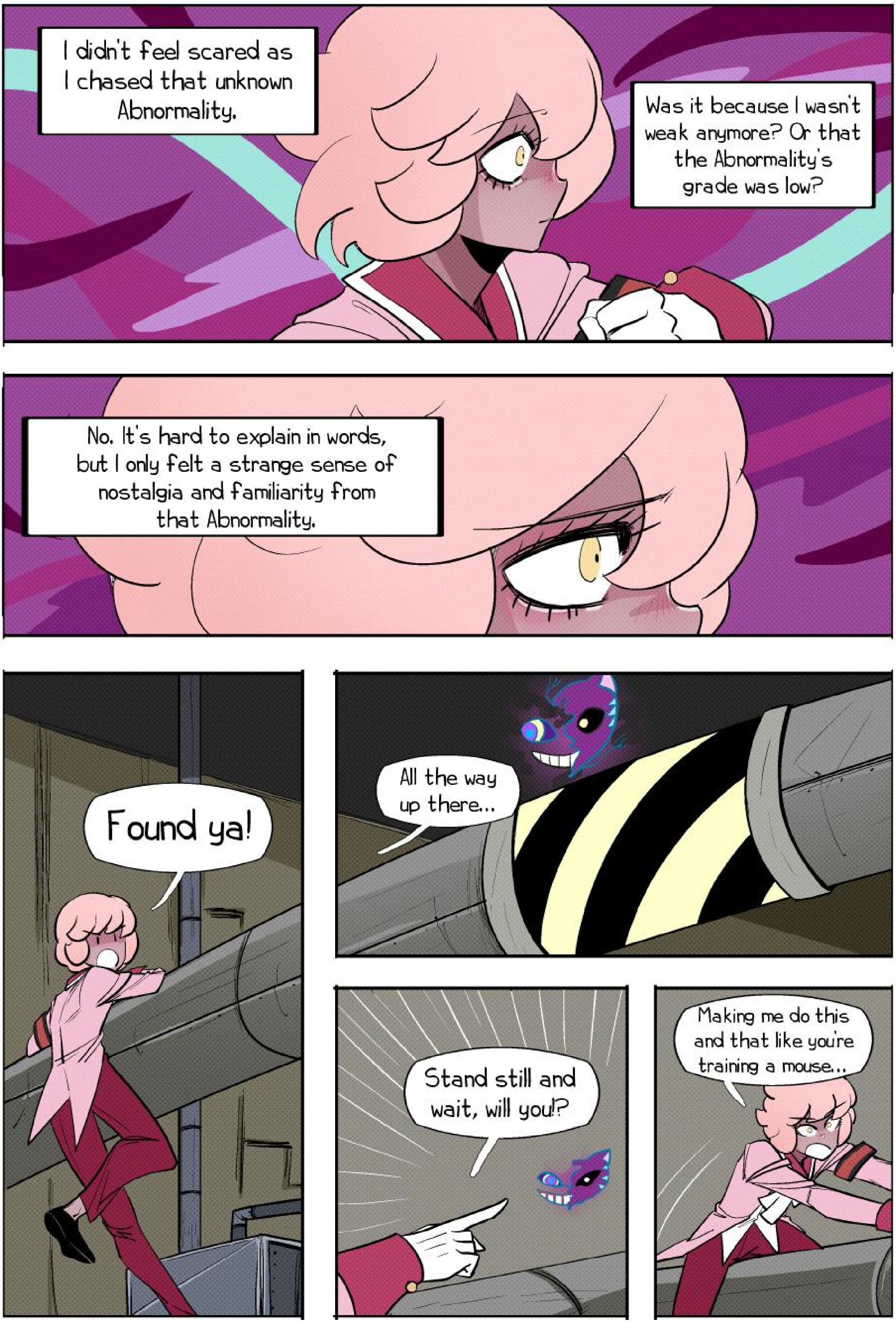
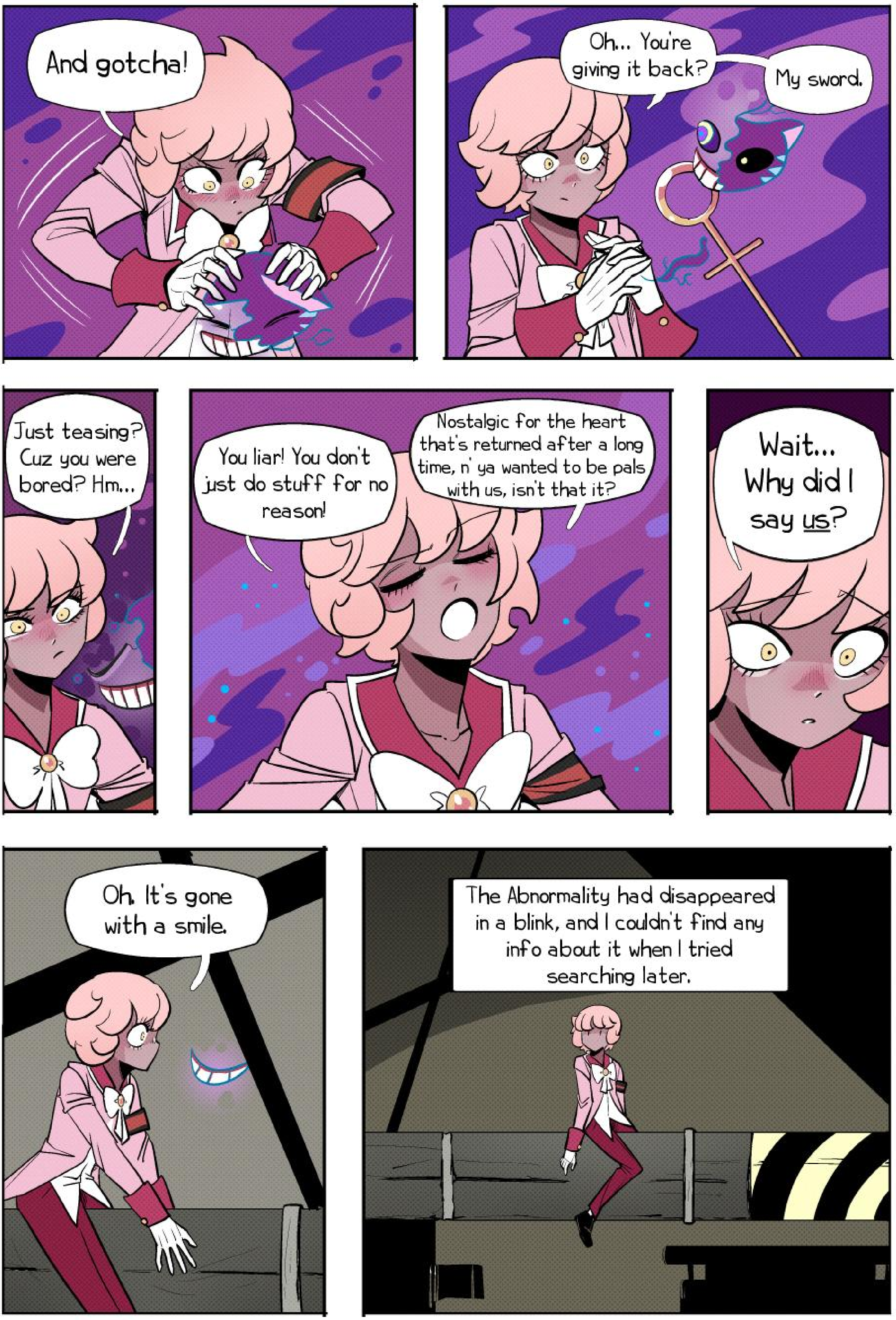
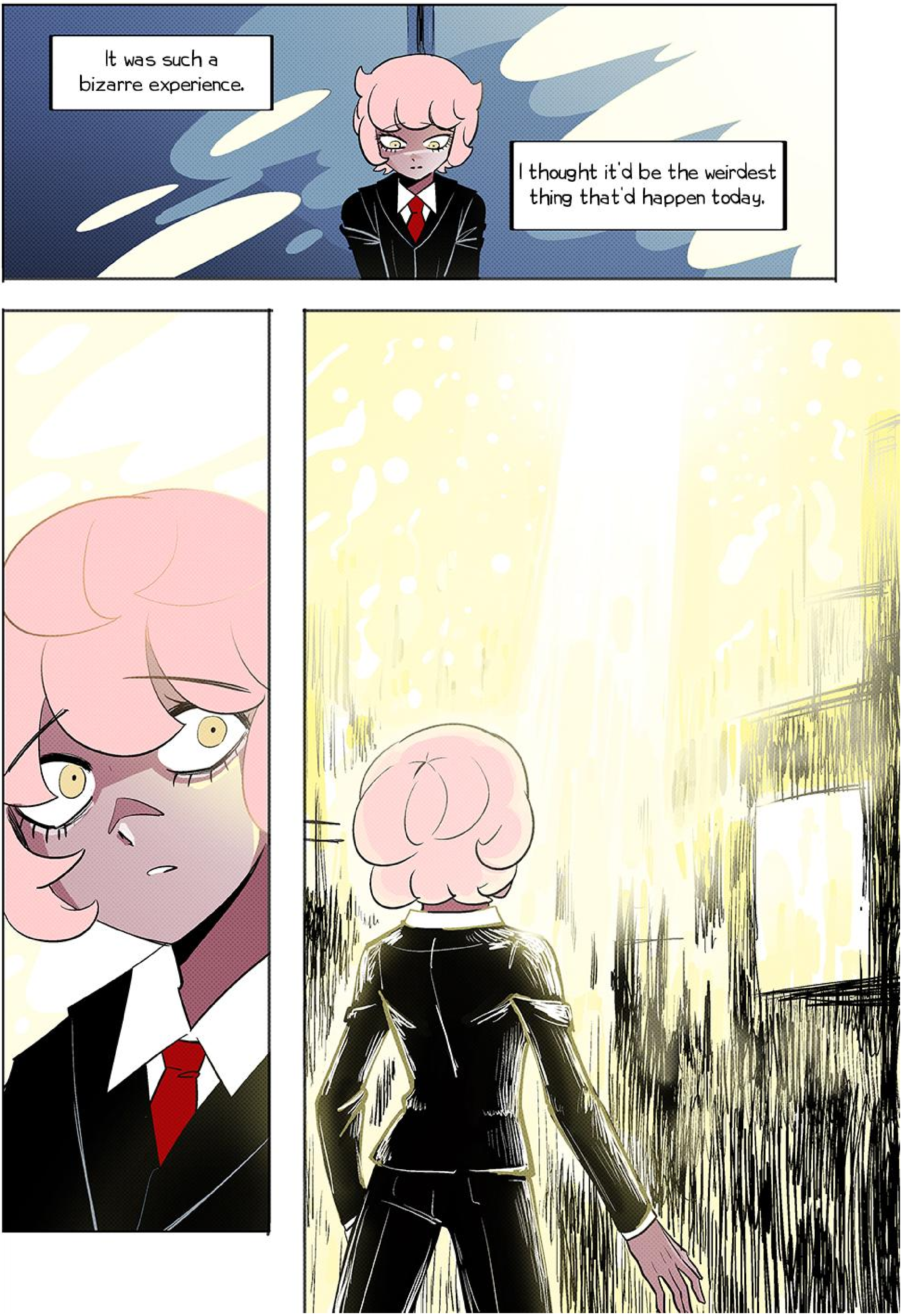

Huh? You...
Hey~!
My sword! How'd you know it was there?!


Dangit, such an unruly fella.
Wait? What am I doing right now?
Why am I treating that Abnormality as if I've known it?
What's going on...?
Am I under a psychological attack?
But... Looks like it stole my E.G.O.
Hang on, I'm not inside a unit at all?! Is this an Abnormality breach??
Hey! Where did you go?!


I didn't feel scared as I chased that unknown Abnormality.
Was it because I wasn't weak anymore? Or that the Abnormality's grade was low?
No. It's hard to explain in words, but I only felt a strange sense of nostalgia and familiarity from that Abnormality.
Found ya!
All the way up there...
Stand still and wait, will you!?
Making me do this and that like you're training a mouse...


And gotcha!
Oh... You're giving it back?
My sword.
Just teasing? Cuz you were bored? Hm...
You liar! You don't just do stuff for no reason!
Nostalgic for the heart that's returned after a long time, n' ya wanted to be pals with us, isn't that it?
Wait... Why did I say us?
Oh. It's gone with a smile.
The Abnormality had disappeared in a blink, and I couldn't find any info about it when I tried searching later.


It was such a bizarre experience.
I thought it'd be the weirdest thing that'd happen today.

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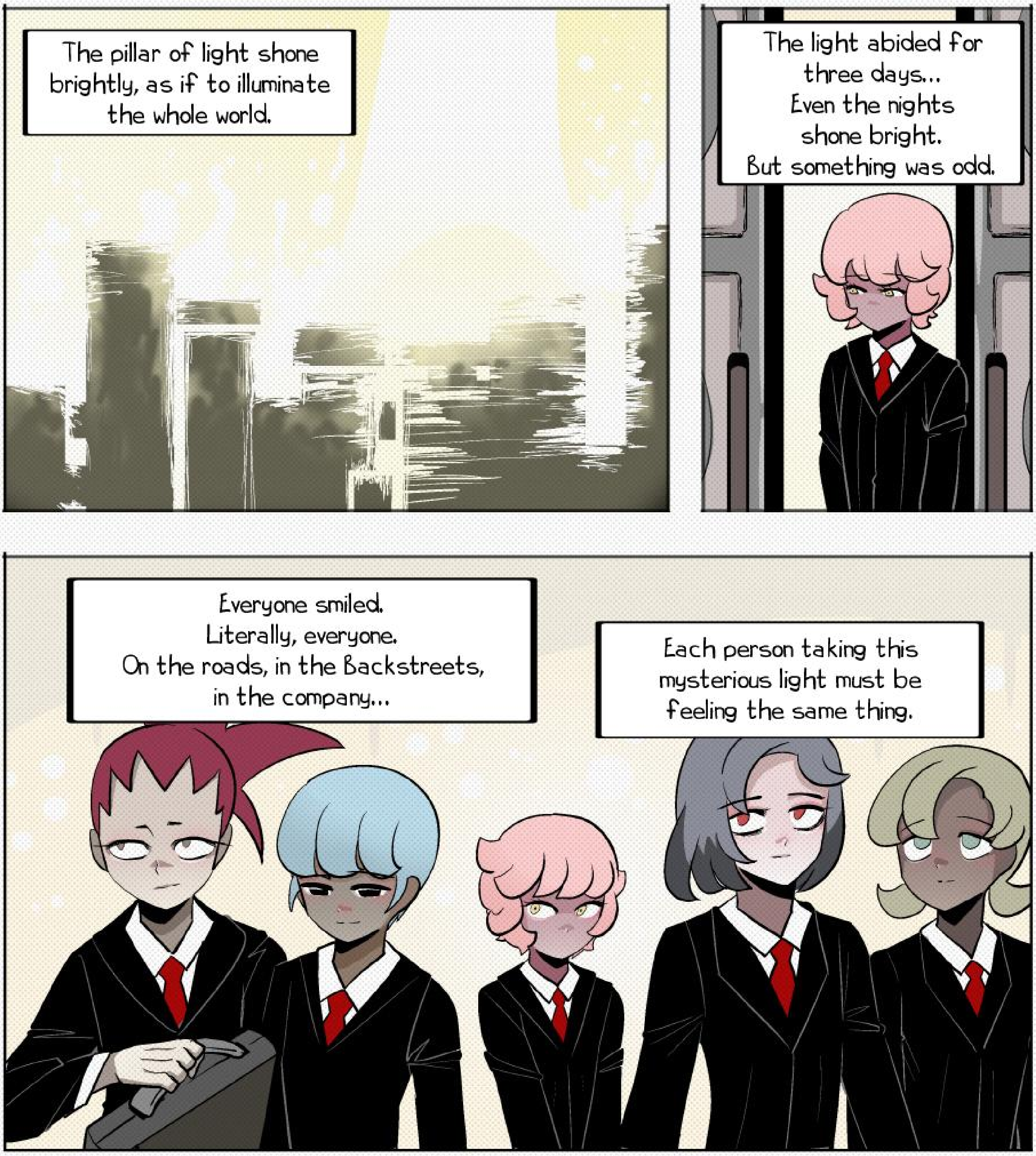
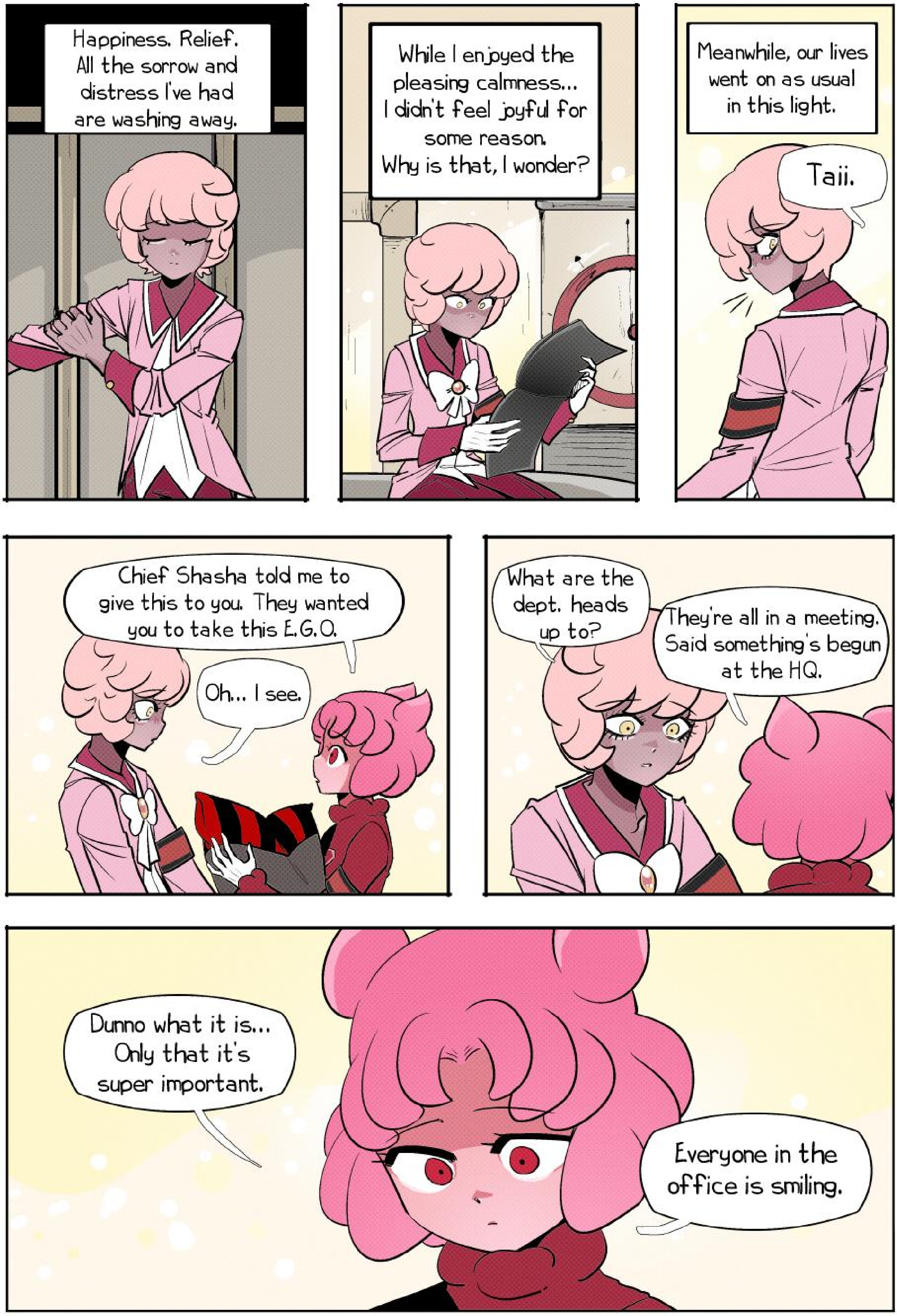
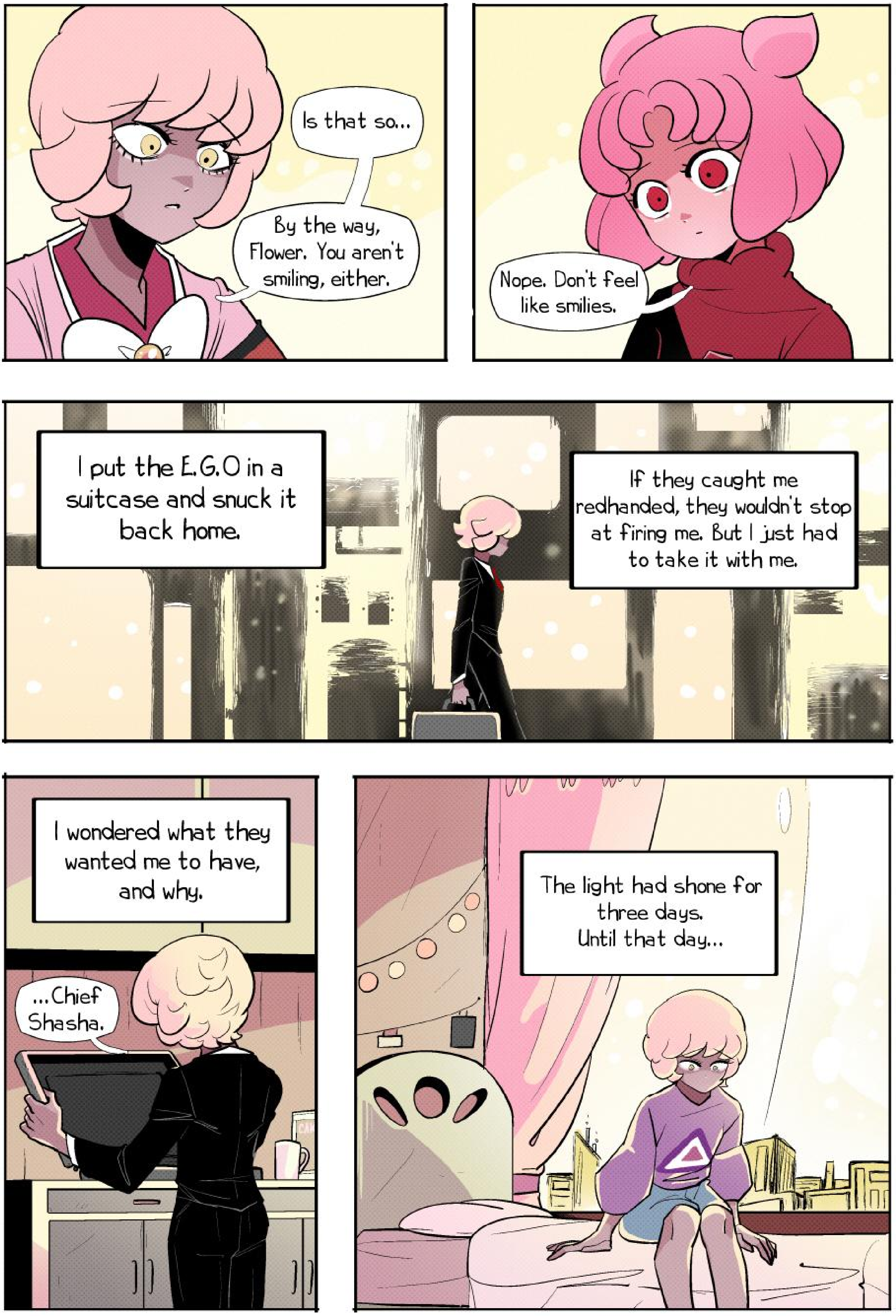
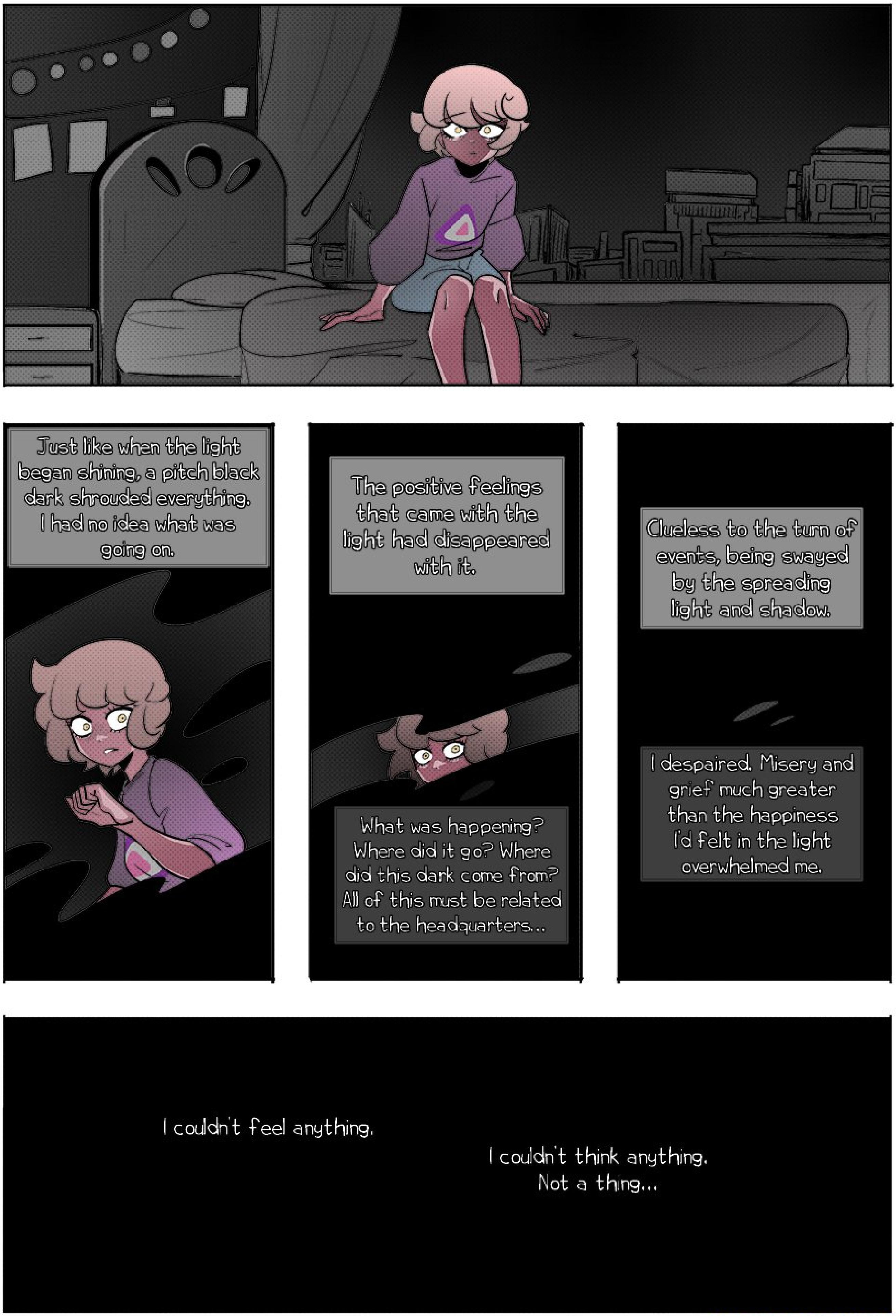

The pillar of light shone brightly, as if to illuminate the whole world.
The light abided for three days... Even the nights shone bright. But something was odd.
Everyone smiled. Literally, everyone. On the roads, in the Backstreets, in the company...
Each person taking this mysterious light must be feeling the same thing.


Happiness. Relief. All the sorrow and distress I've had are washing away.
While I enjoyed the pleasing calmness... I didn't feel joyful for some reason. Why is that, I wonder?
Meanwhile, our lives went on as usual in this light.
Taii.
Chief Shasha told me to give this to you. They wanted you to take this E.G.O.
Oh... I see.
What are the dept. heads up to?
They're all in a meeting. Said something's begun at the HQ.
Dunno what it is... Only that it's super important.
Everyone in the office is smiling.


Is that so...
By the way, Flower. You aren't smiling, either.
Nope. Don't feel like smilies.
I put the E.G.O in a suitcase and snuck it back home.
If they caught me redhanded, they wouldn't stop at firing me. But I just had to take it with me.
I wondered what they wanted me to have, and why.
...Chief Shasha.
The light had shone for three days.
Until that day...


Just like when the light began shining, a pitch black dark shrouded everything. I had no idea what was going on.
The positive feelings that came with the light had disappeared with it.
What was happening? Where did it go? Where did this dark come from? All of this must be related to the headquarters...
Clueless to the turn of events, being swayed by the spreading light and shadow.
I despaired. Misery and grief much greater than the happiness I'd felt in the light overwhelmed me.
I couldn't feel anything.
I couldn't think anything.
Not a thing...

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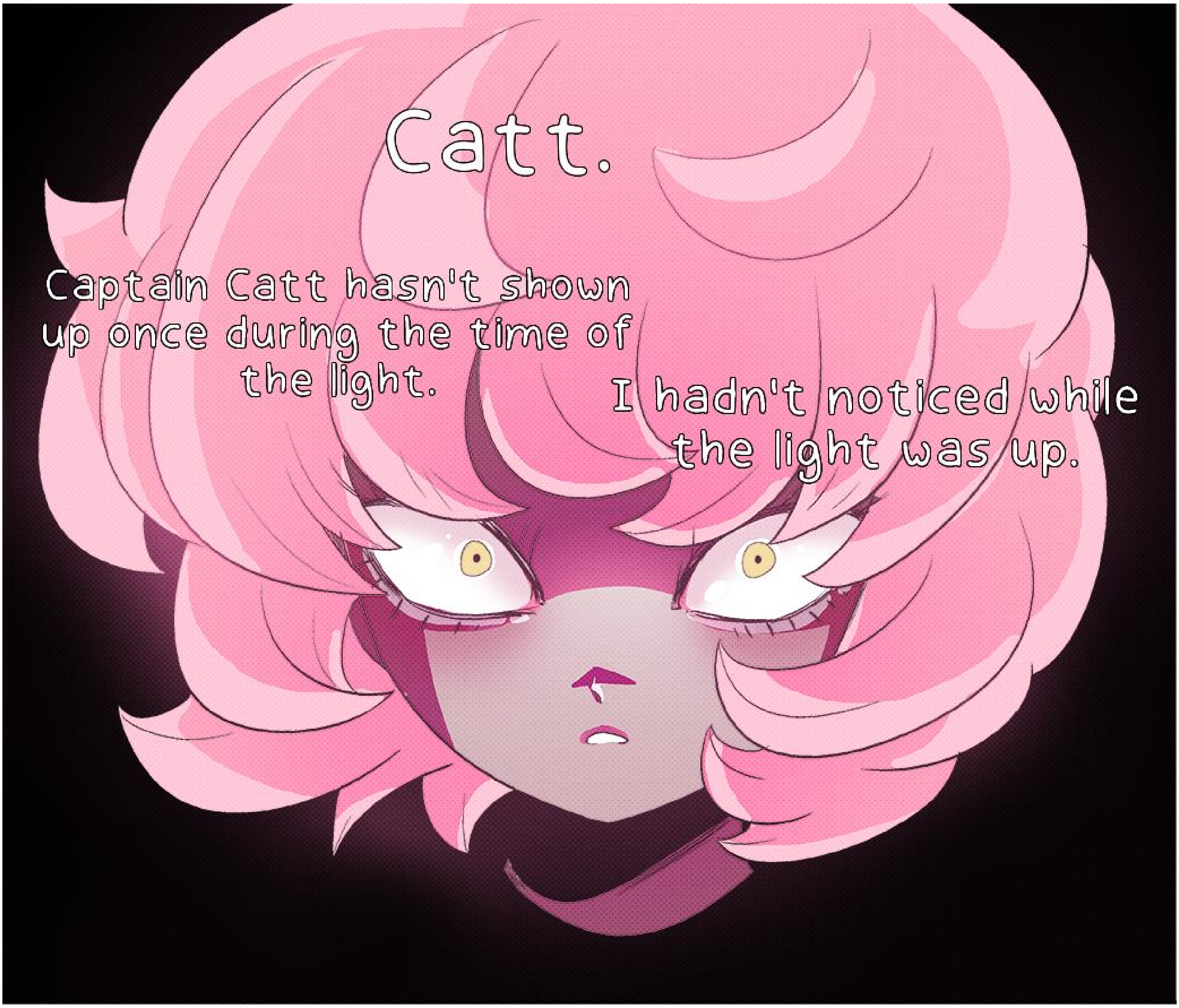
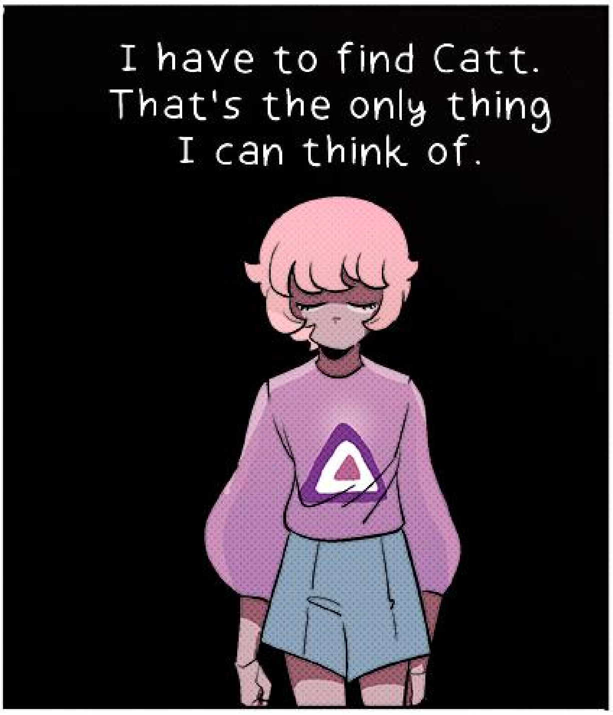
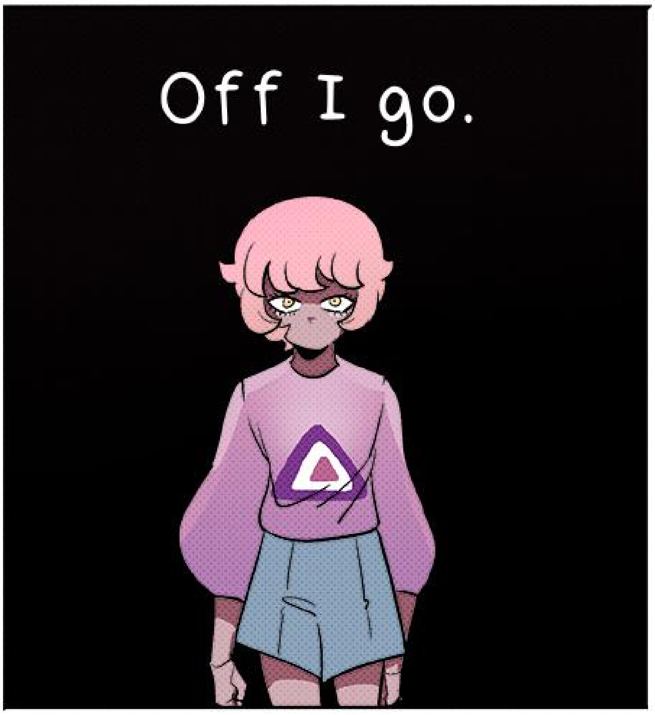
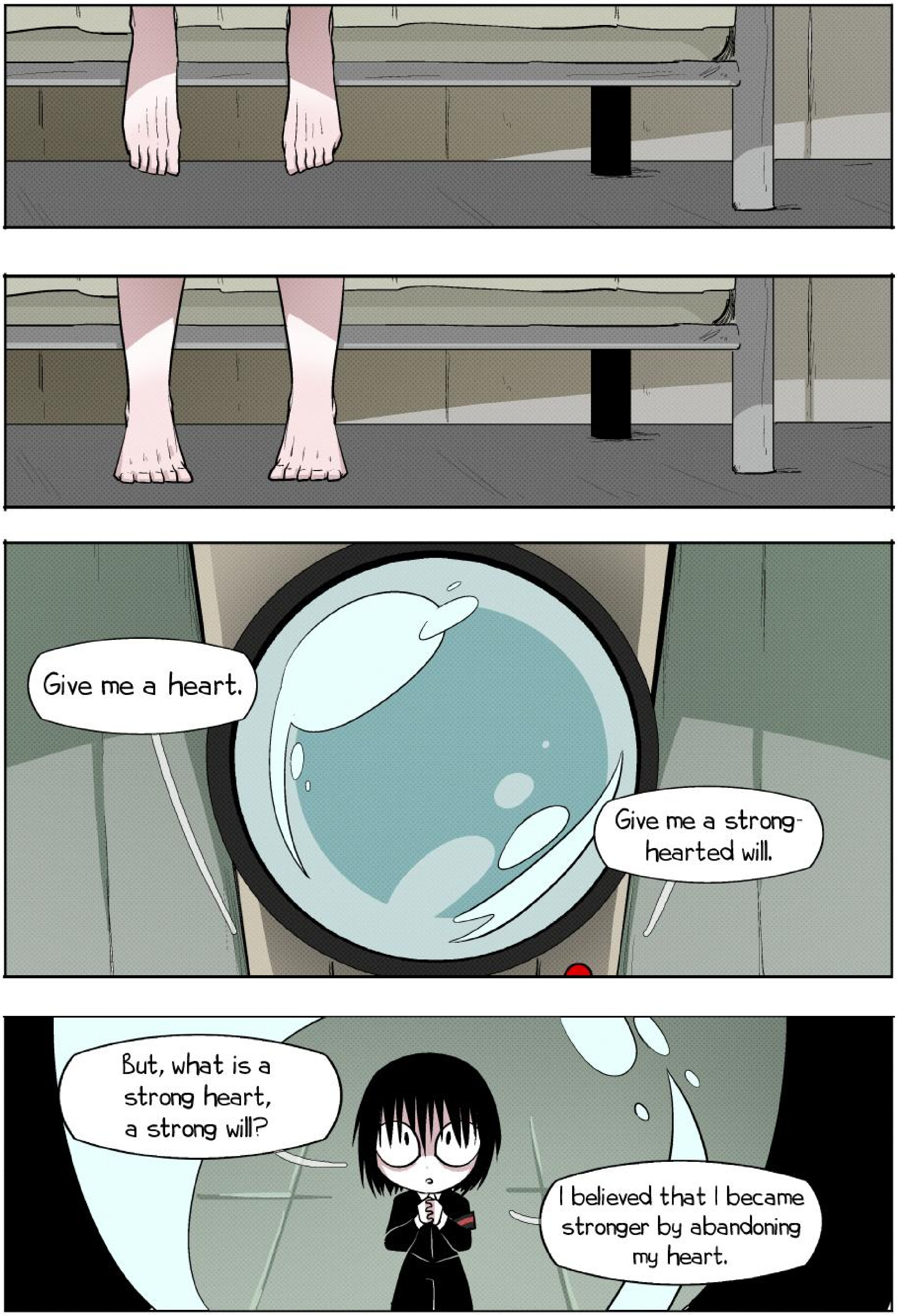
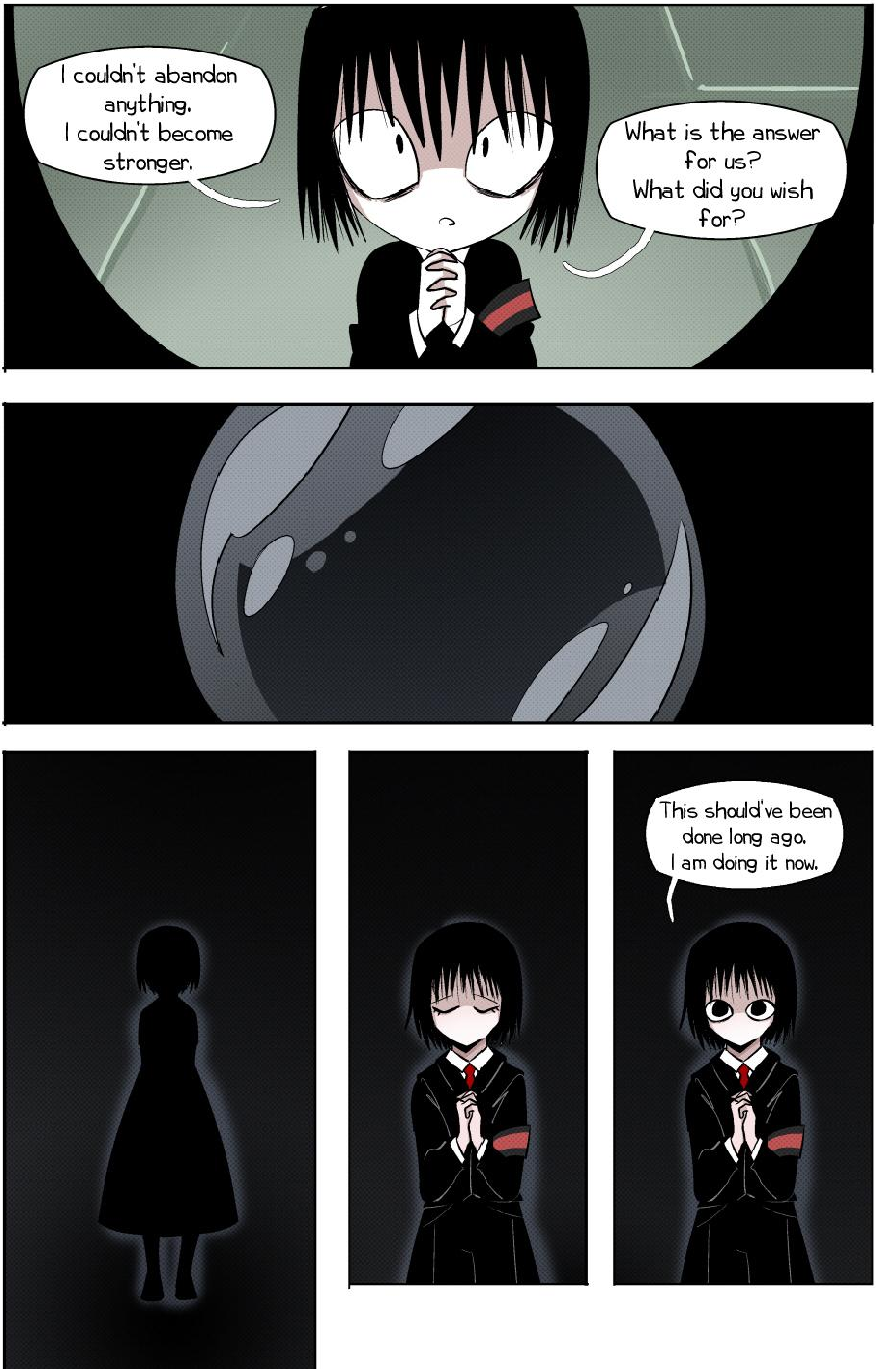
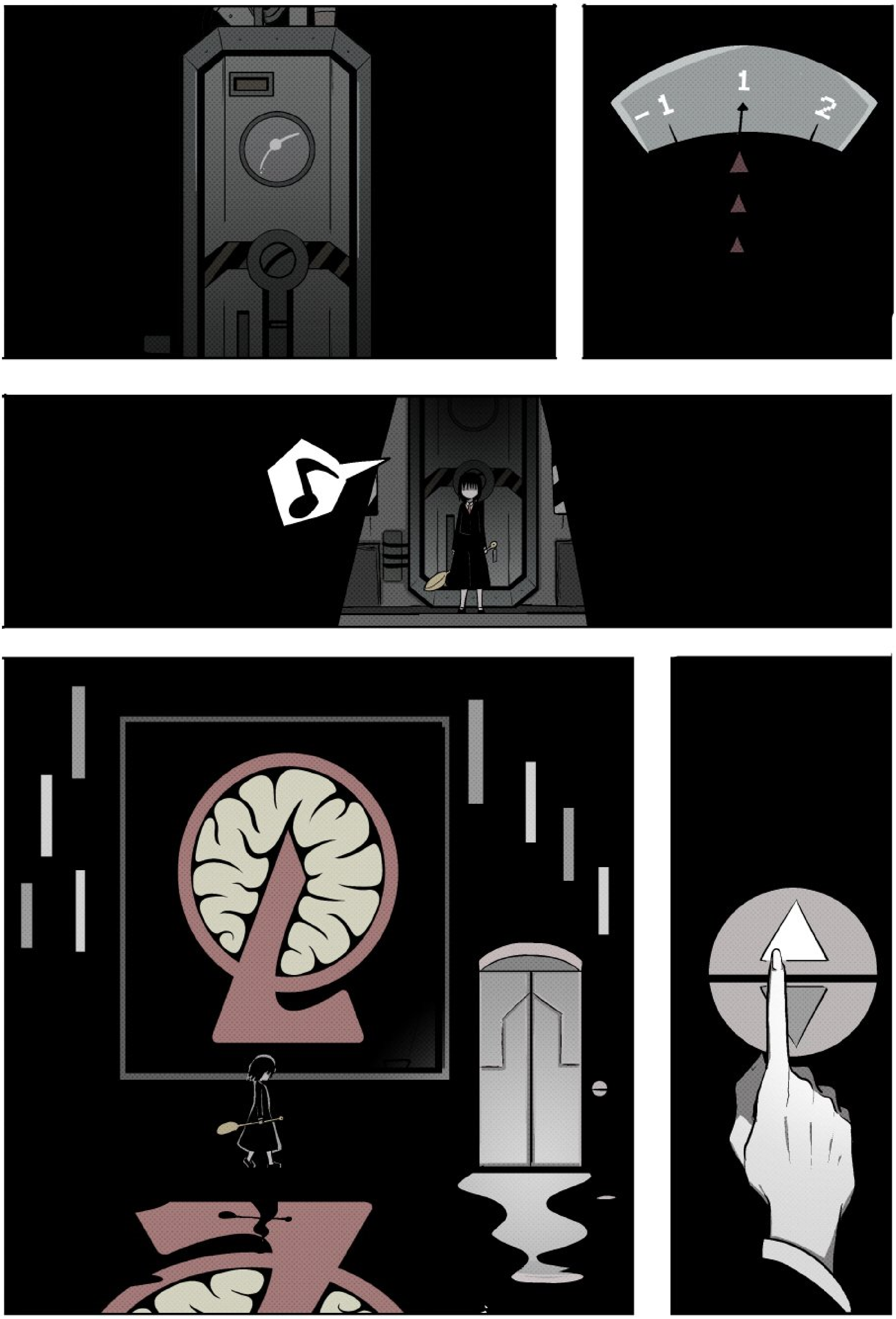

Catt.
Captain Catt hasn't shown up once during the time of the light.
I hadn't noticed while the light was up.


I have to find Catt. That's the only thing I can think of.


Off I go.


Give me a heart.
Give me a strong-hearted will.
But, what is a strong heart, a strong will?
I believed that I became stronger by abandoning my heart.


I couldn't abandon anything. I couldn't become stronger.
What is the answer for us? What did you wish for?
This should've been done long ago. I am doing it now.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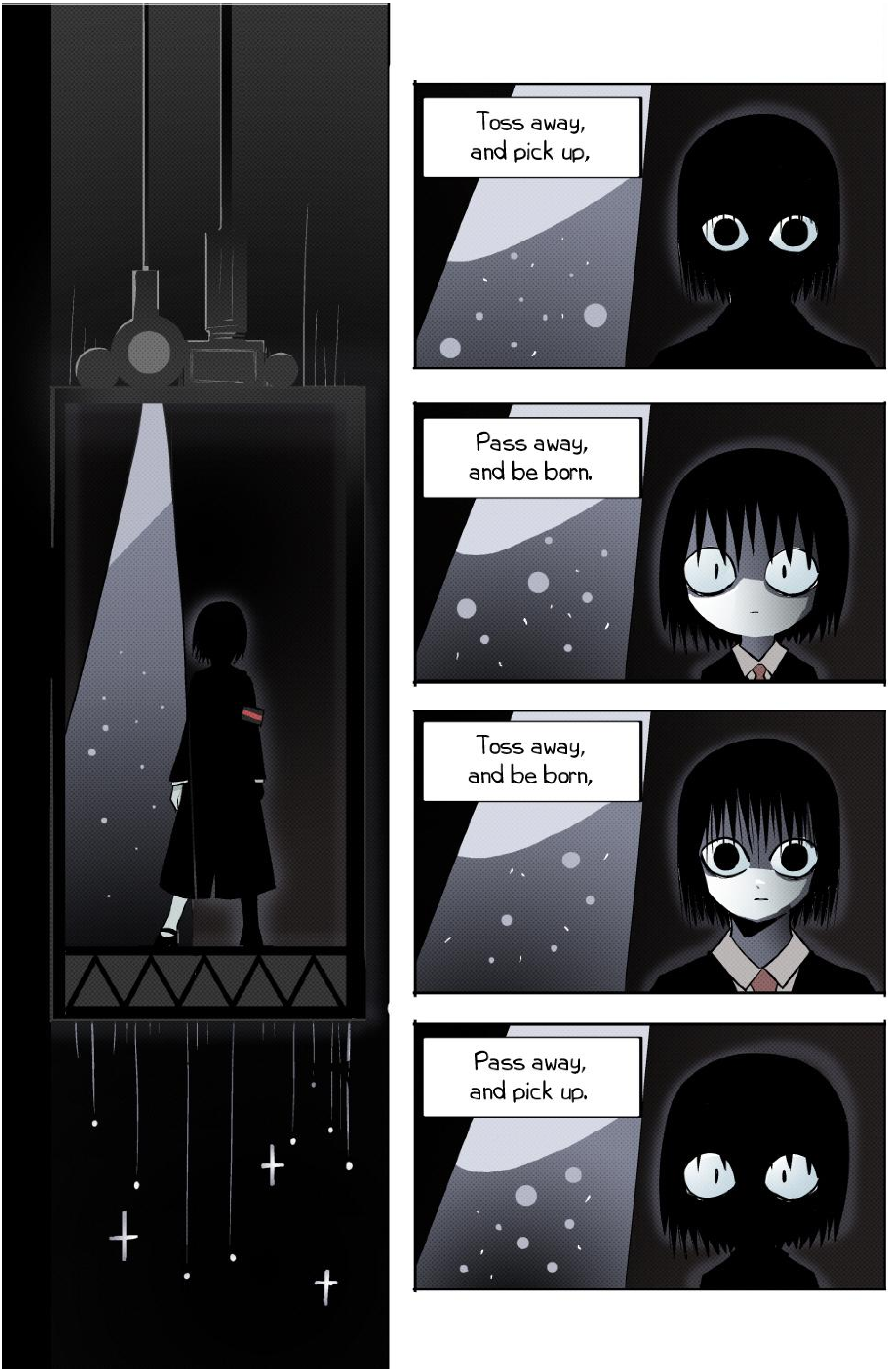
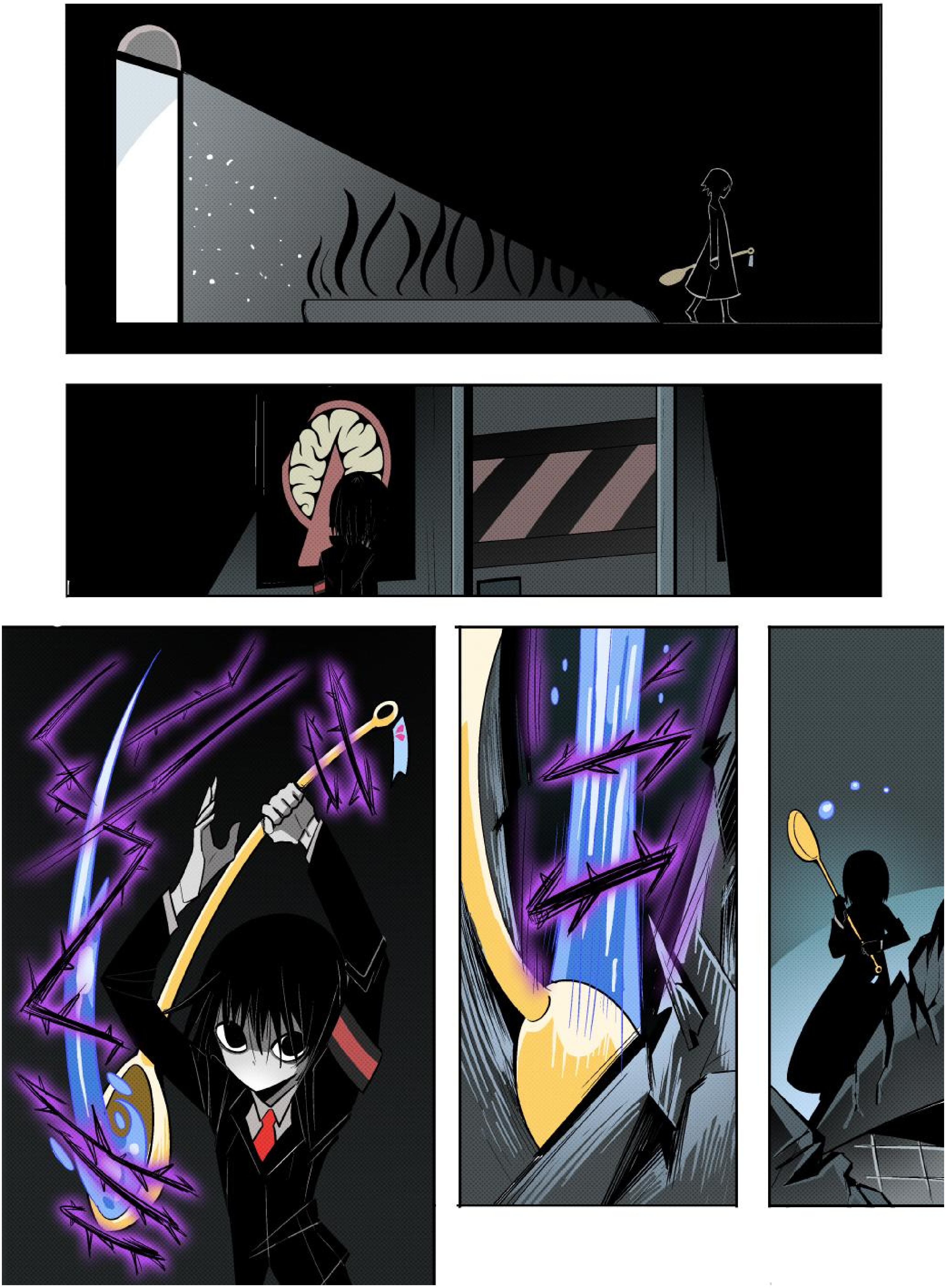
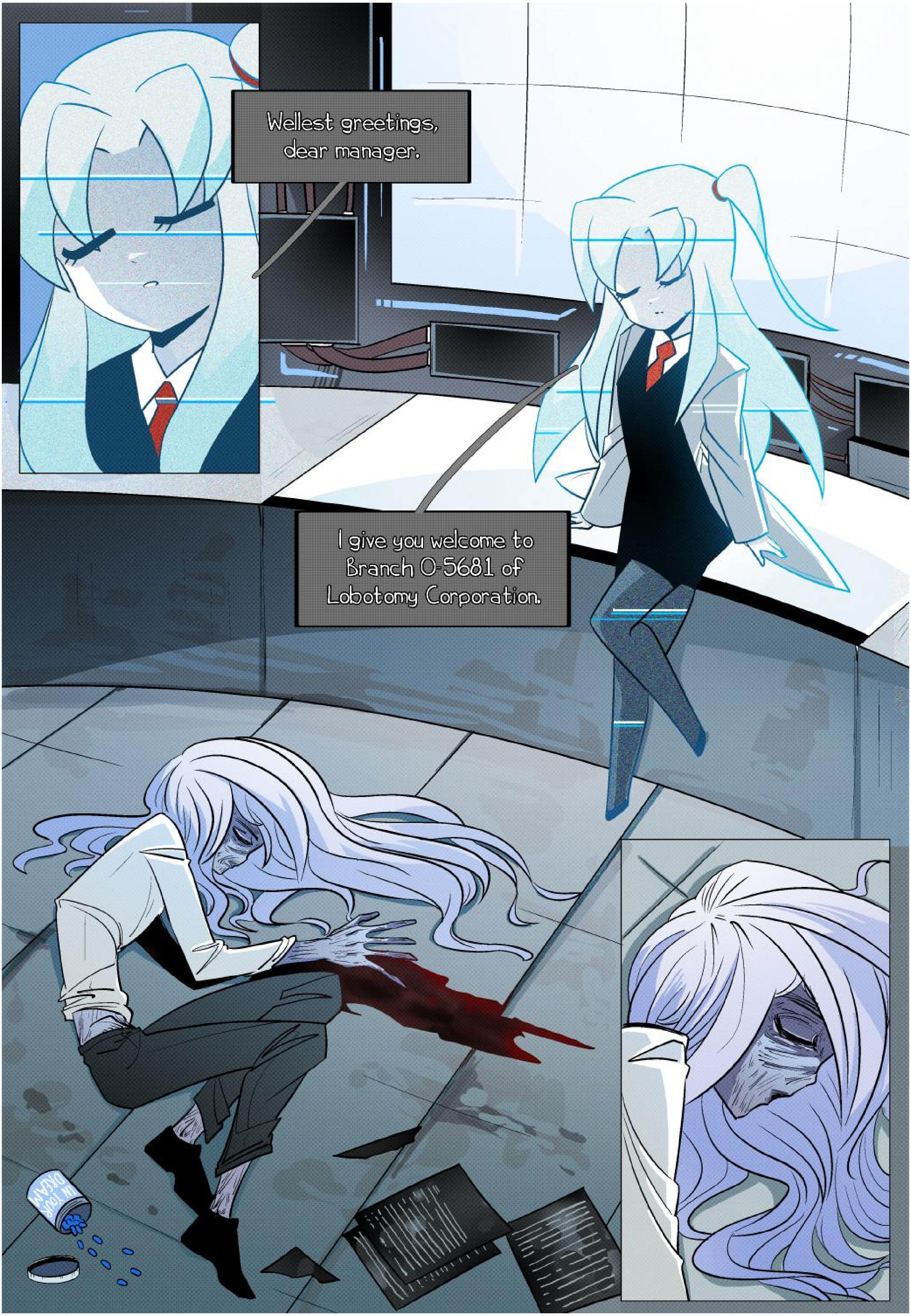
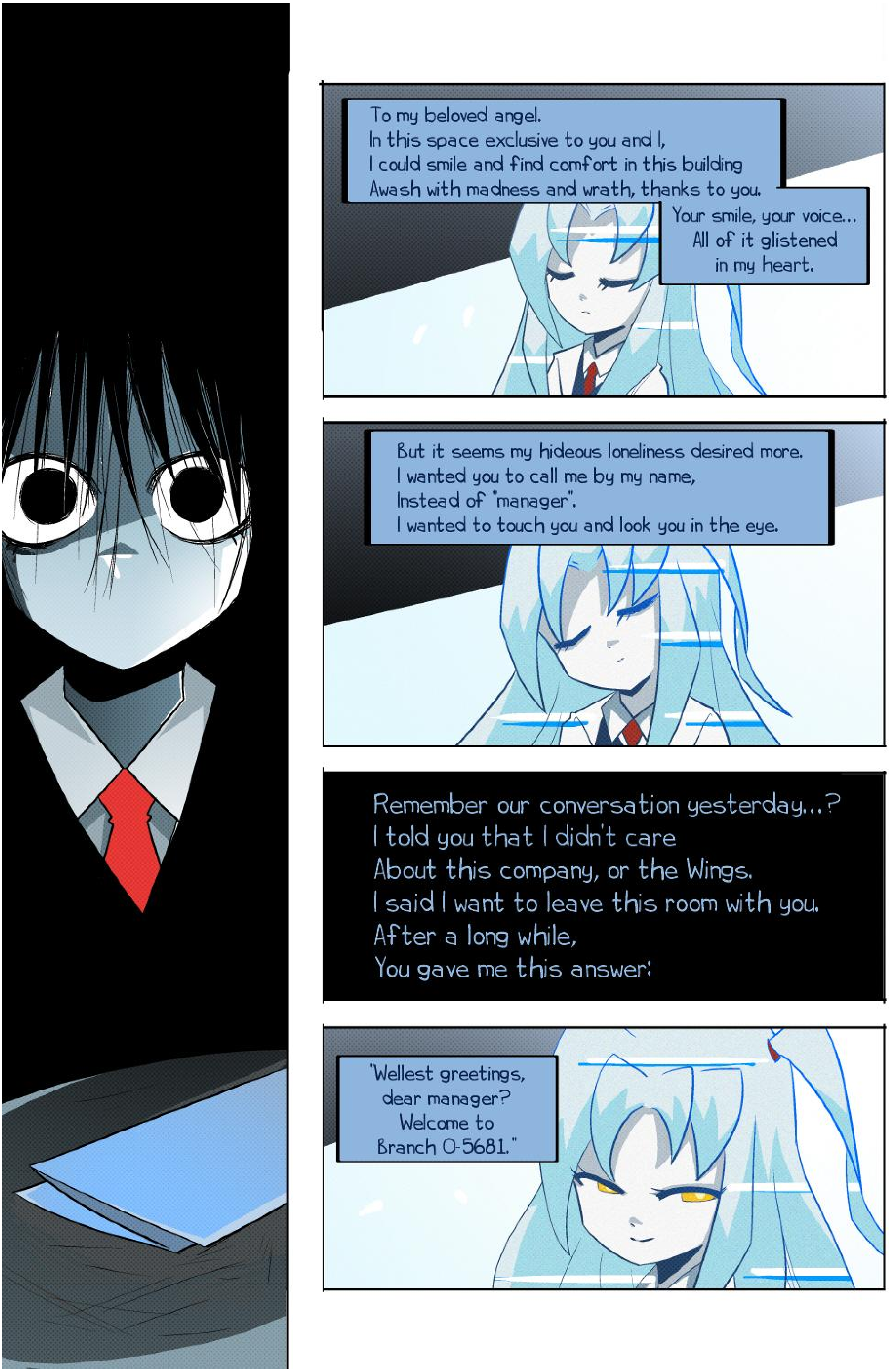
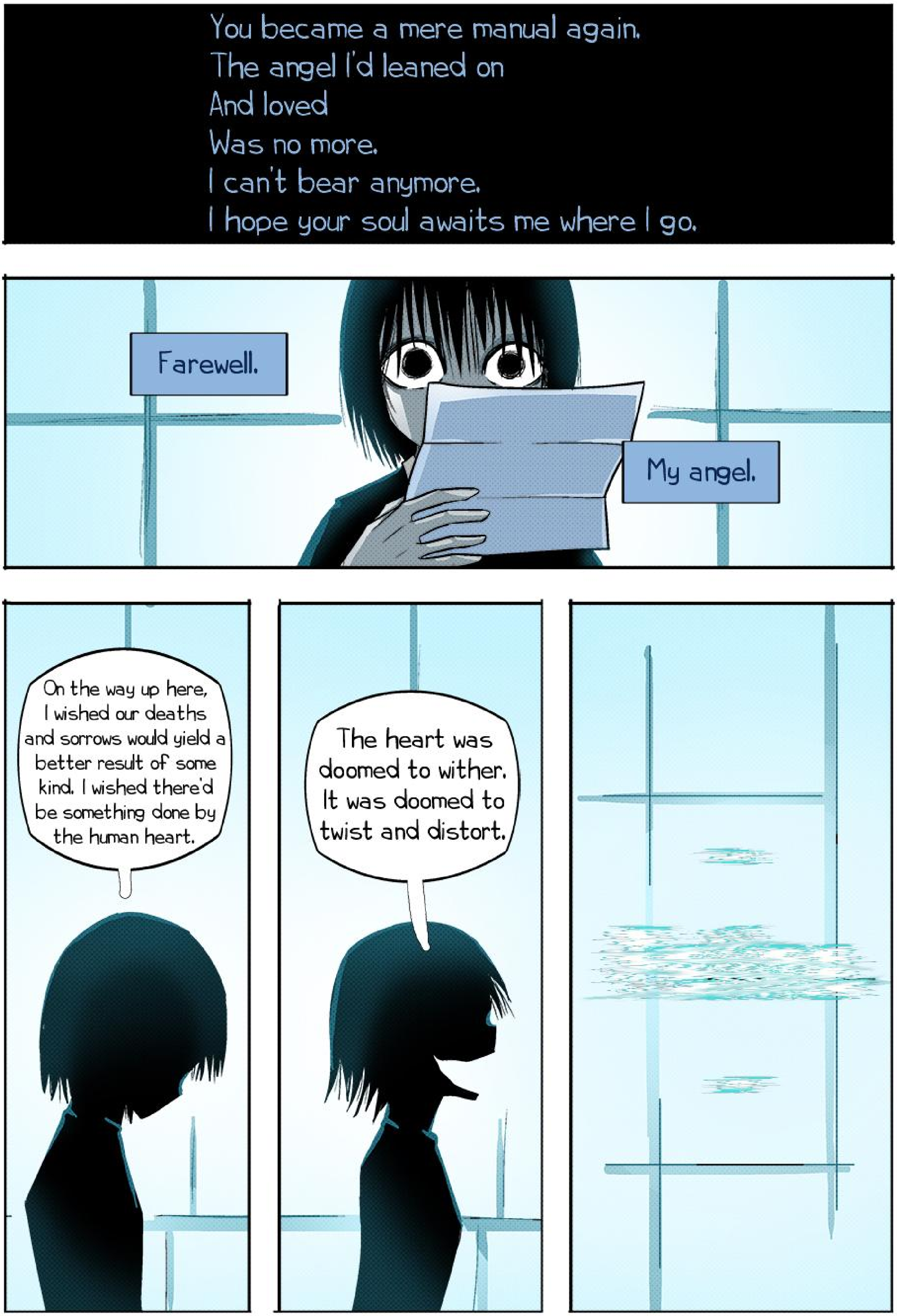
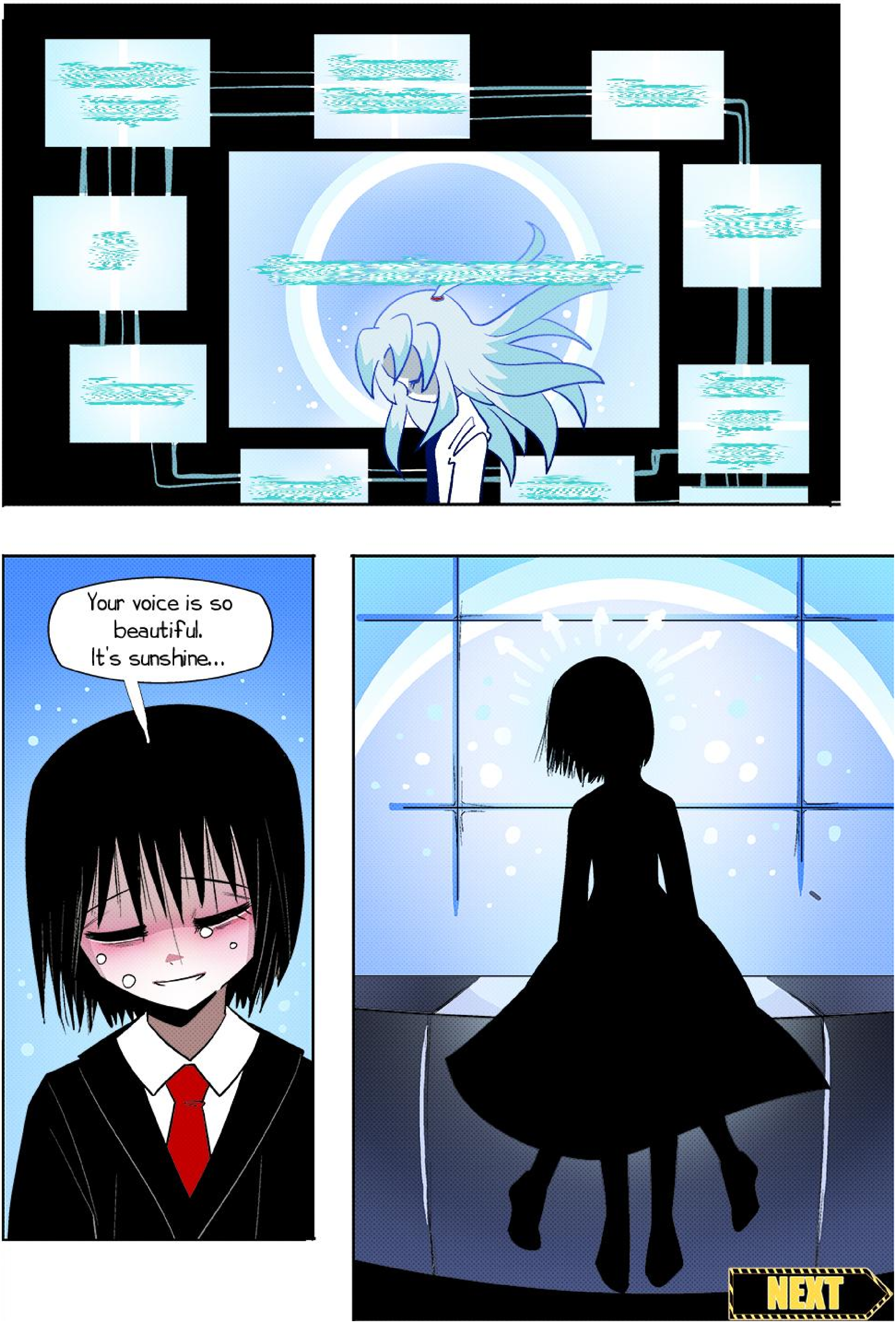

Toss away,
and pick up,
Pass away,
and be born.
Toss away,
and be born,
Pass away,
and pick up.




Wellest greetings, dear manager.
I give you welcome to Branch O-5681 of Lobotomy Corporation.
IN YOUR DREAM


To my beloved angel.
In this space exclusive to you and I,
I could smile and find comfort in this building
Awash with madness and wrath, thanks to you.
Your smile, your voice... All of it glistened in my heart.
But it seems my hideous loneliness desired more.
I wanted you to call me by my name,
Instead of "manager".
I wanted to touch you and look you in the eye.
Remember our conversation yesterday...?
I told you that I didn't care
About this company, or the Wings.
I said I want to leave this room with you.
After a long while,
You gave me this answer:
"Wellest greetings, dear manager? Welcome to Branch O-5681."


You became a mere manual again.
The angel I'd leaned on
And loved
Was no more.
I can't bear anymore.
I hope your soul awaits me where I go.
Farewell.
My angel.
On the way up here, I wished our deaths and sorrows would yield a better result of some kind. I wished there'd be something done by the human heart.
The heart was doomed to wither. It was doomed to twist and distort.


Your voice is so
beautiful.
It's sunshine...
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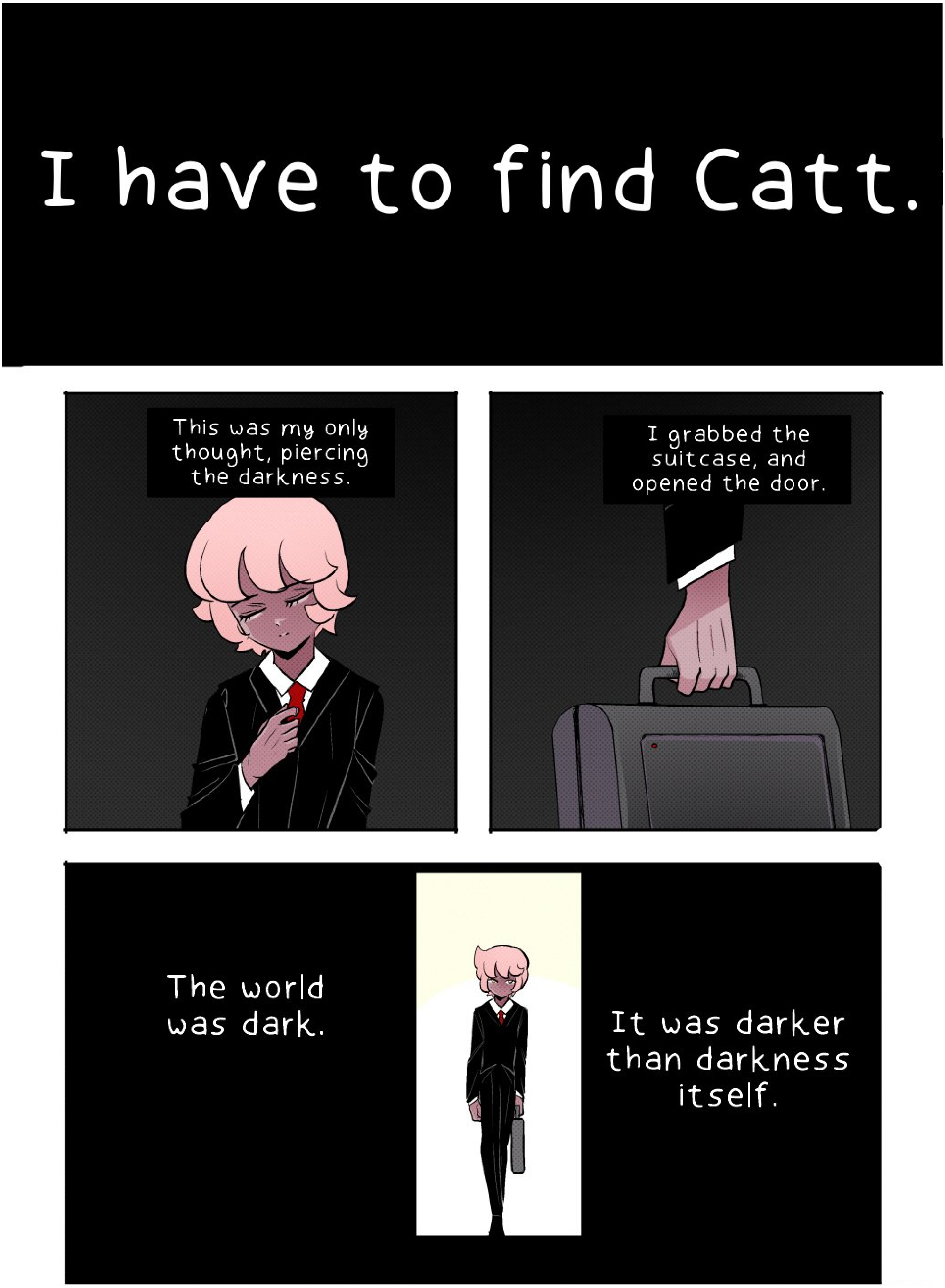
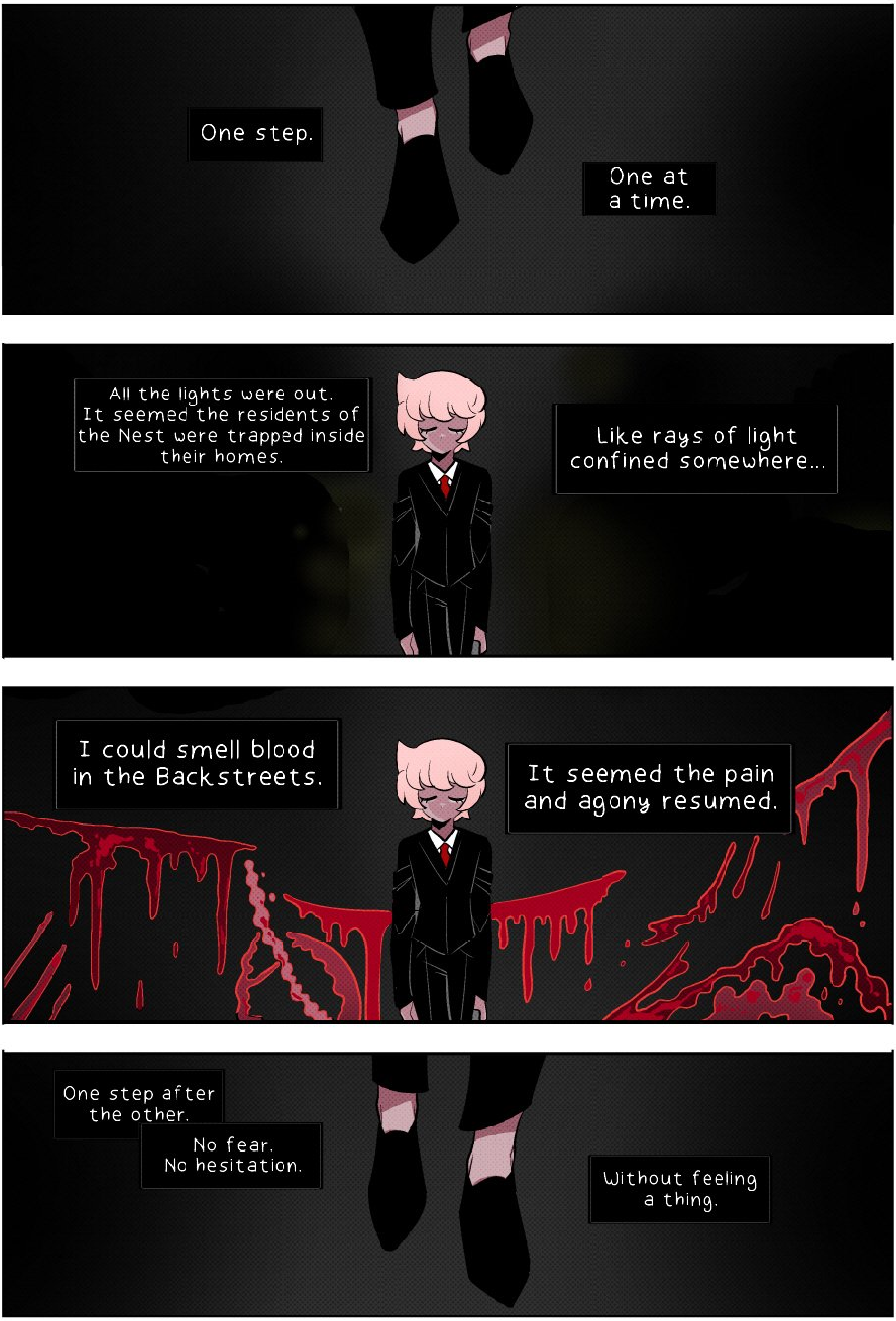
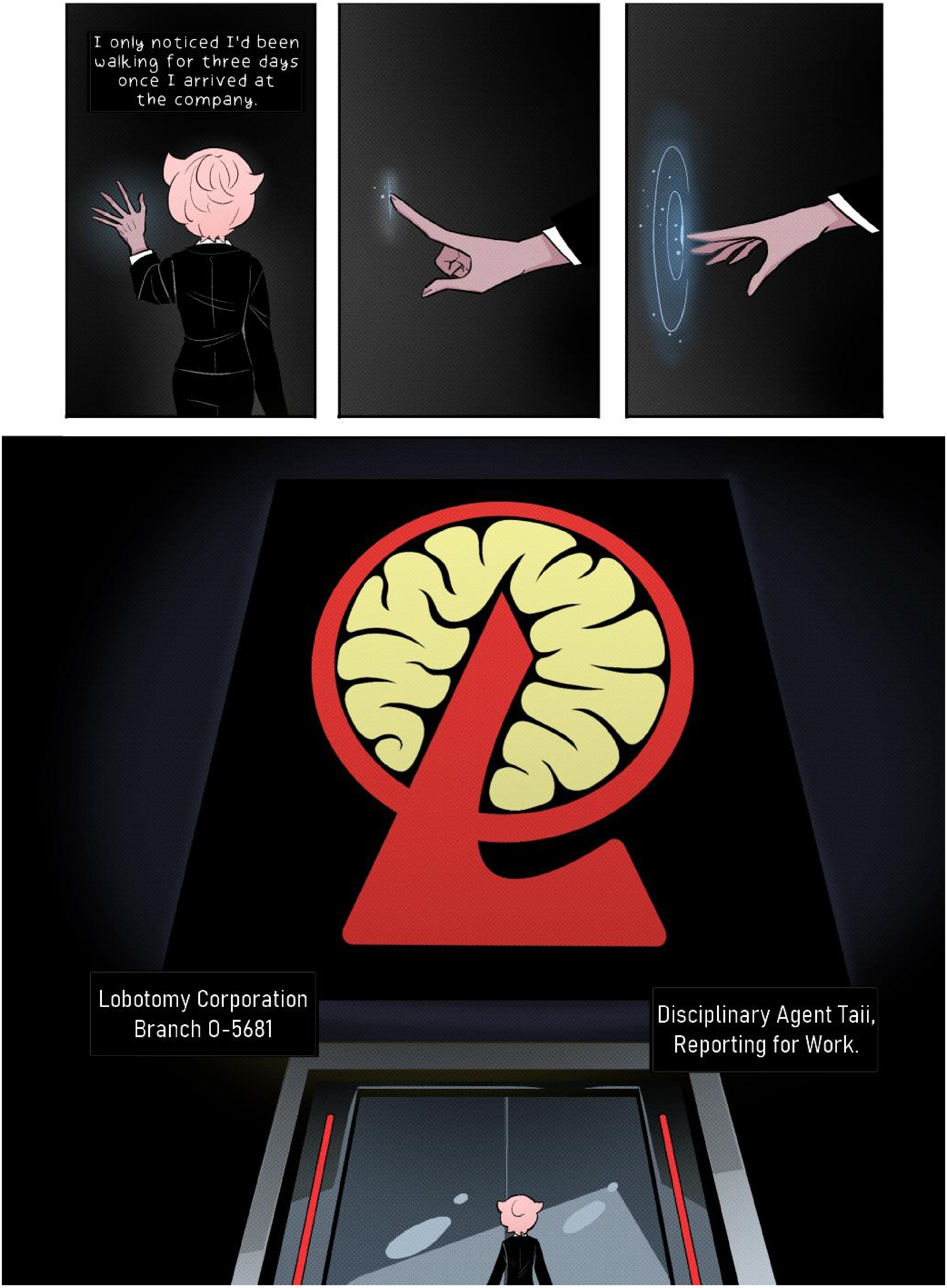
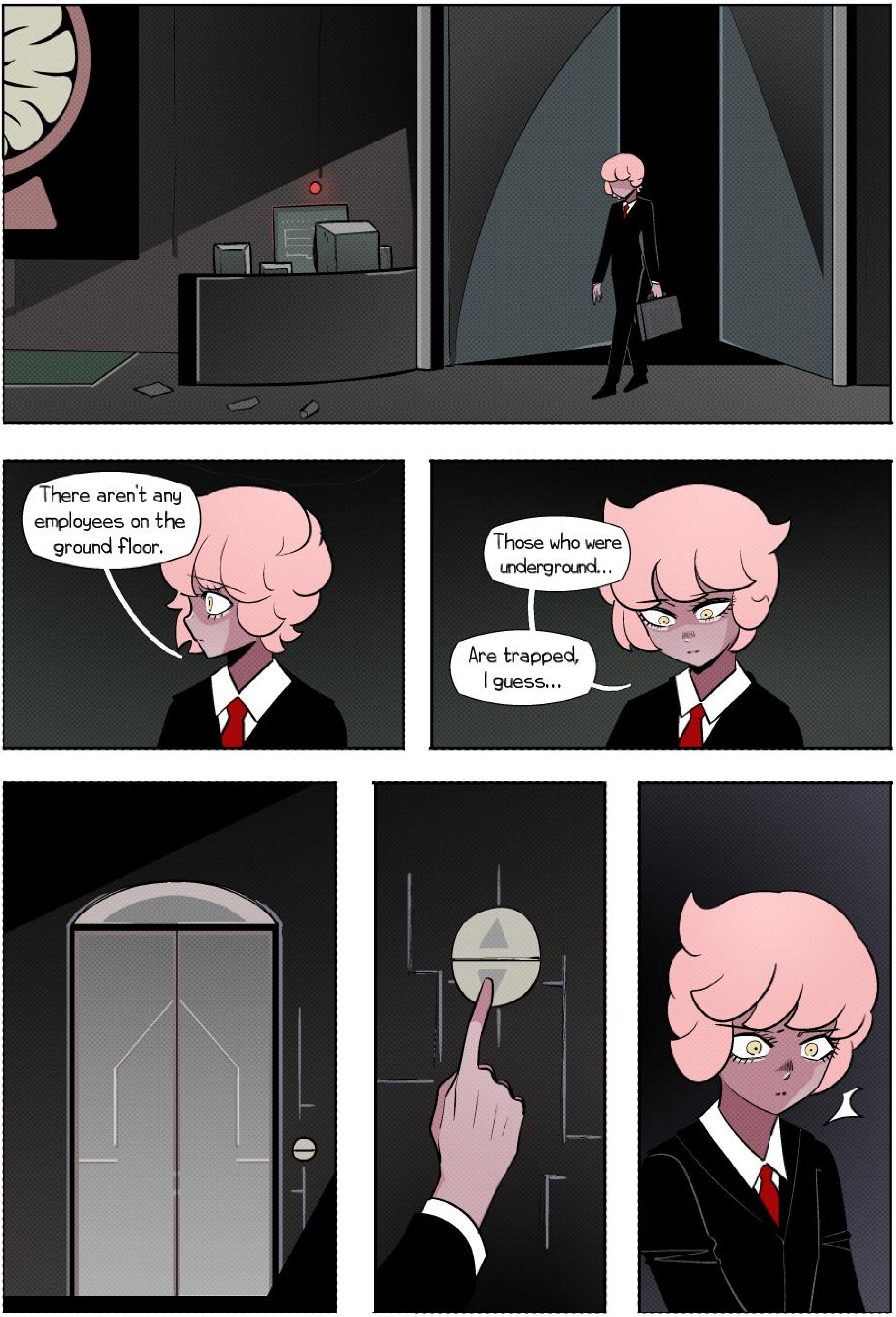
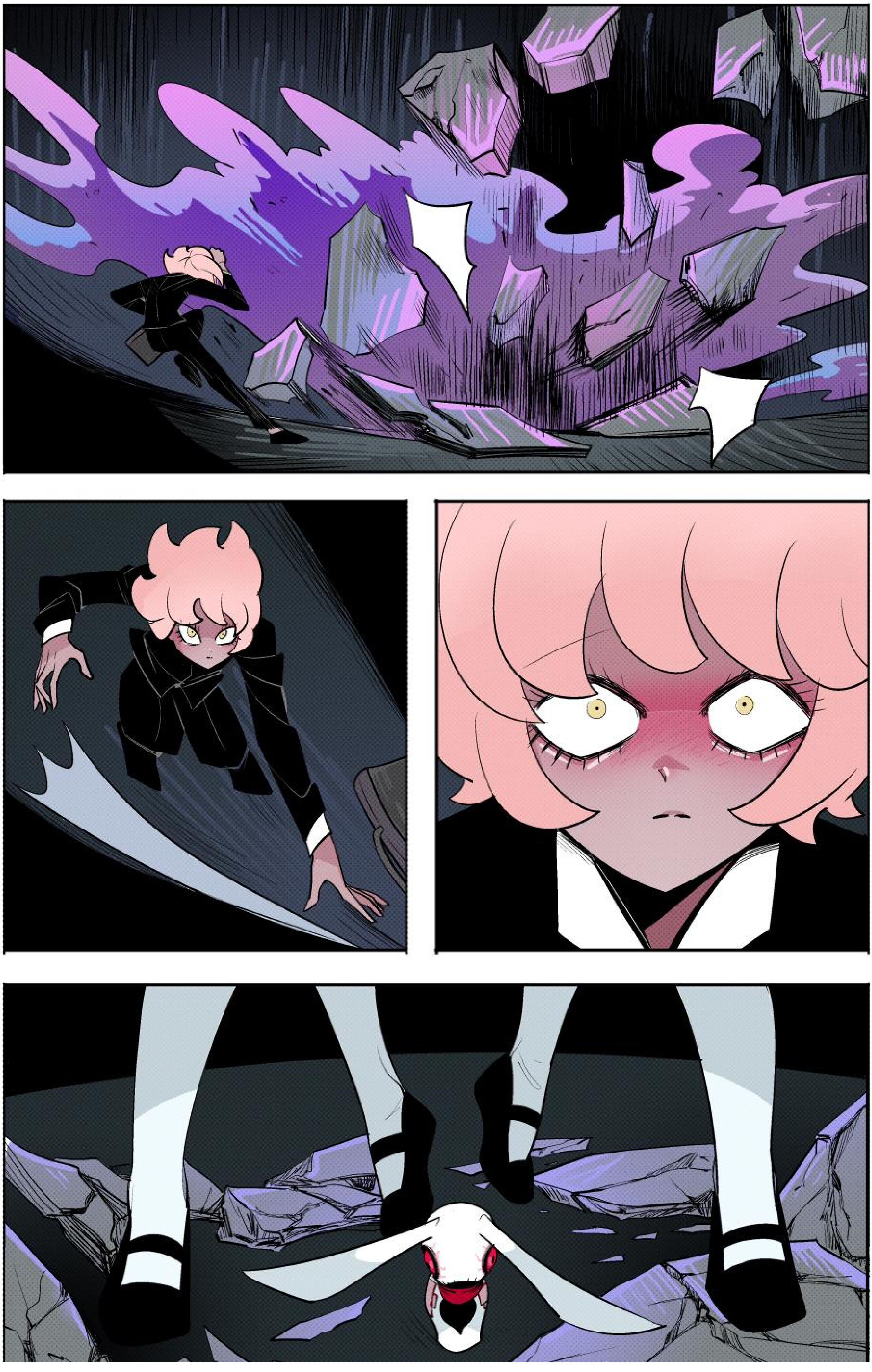
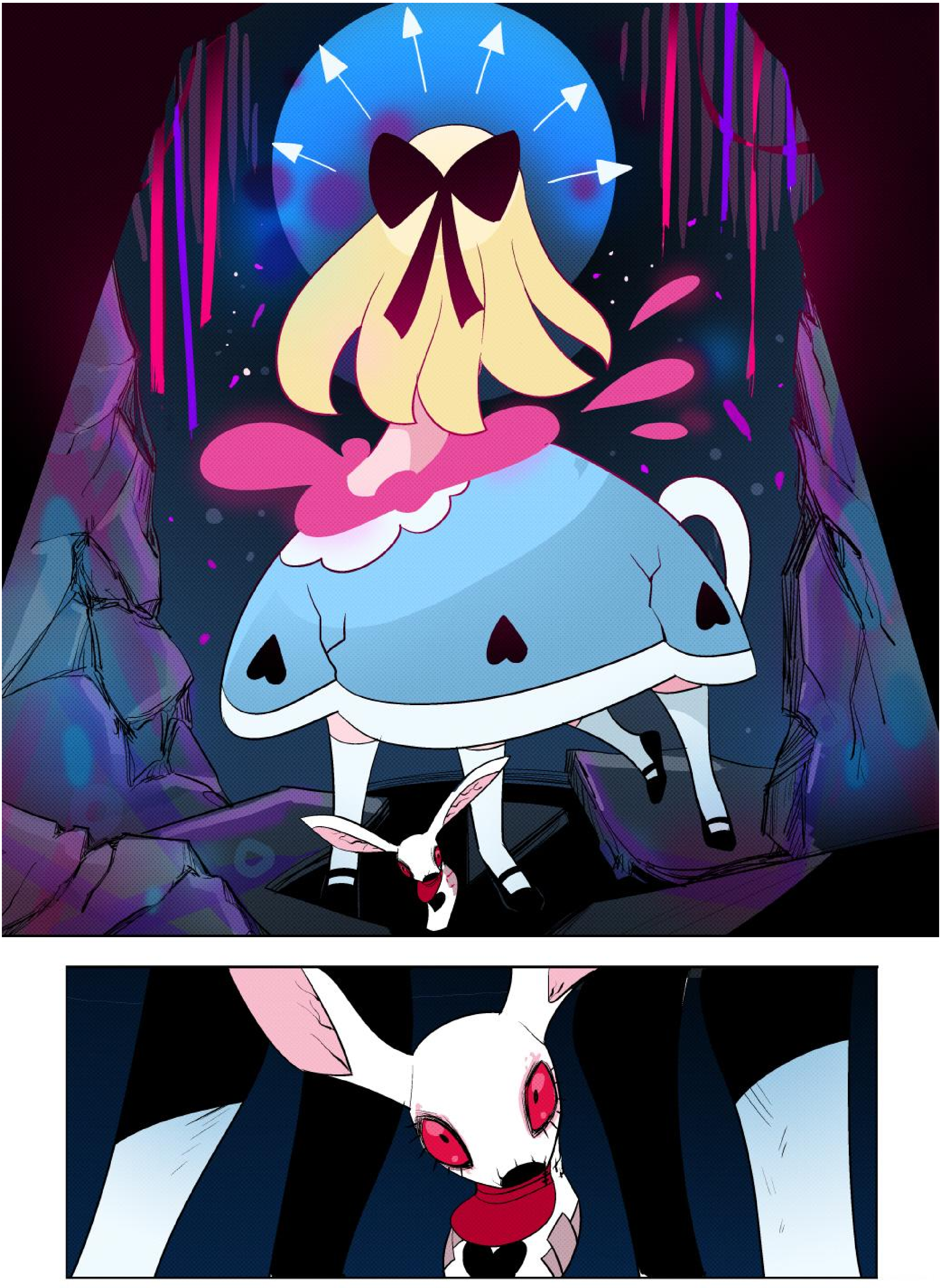

I have to find Catt.
This was my only thought, piercing the darkness.
I grabbed the suitcase, and opened the door.
The world was dark.
It was darker than darkness itself.

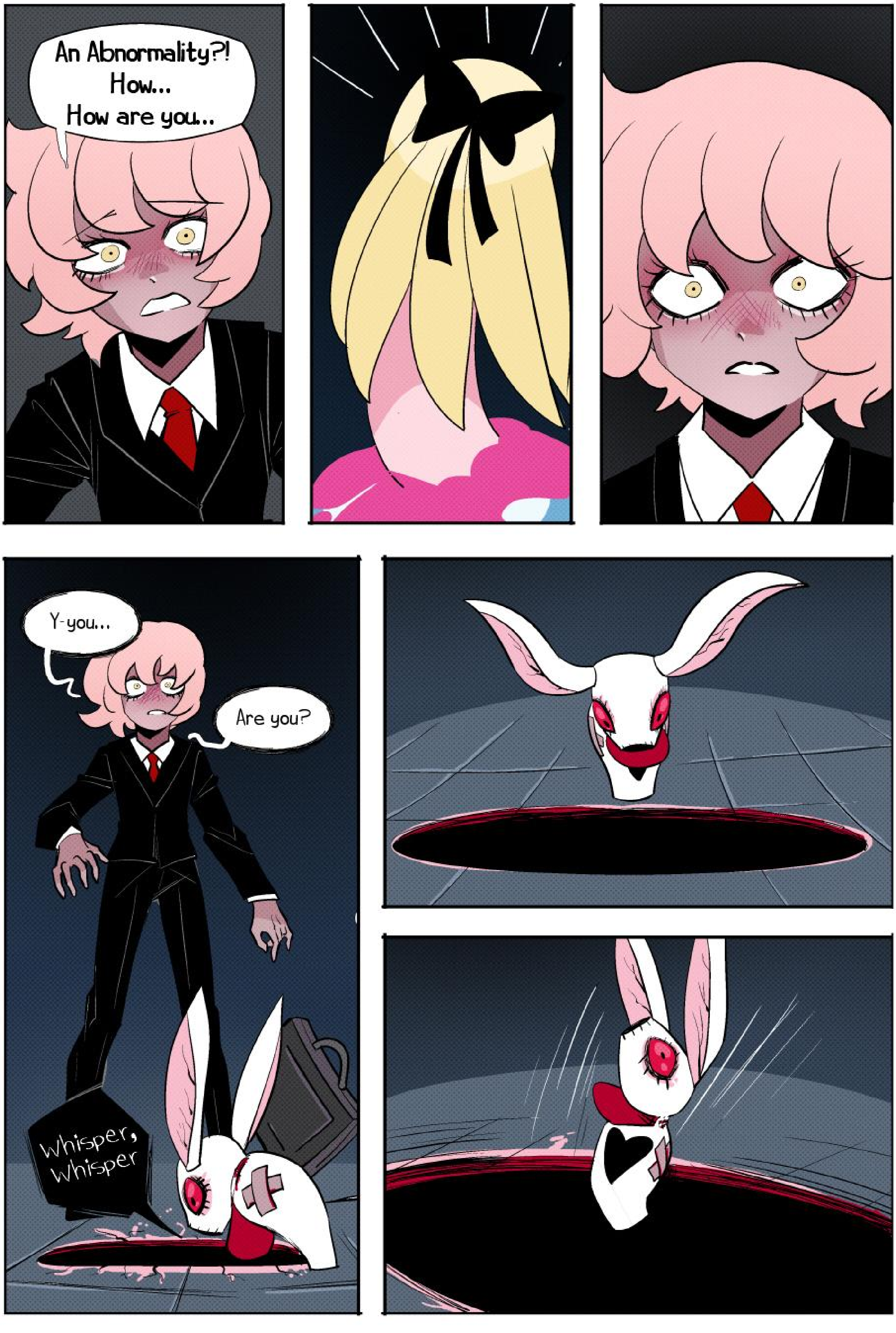

One step.
One at a time.
All the lights were out. It seemed the residents of the Nest were trapped inside their homes.
Like rays of light confined somewhere...
I could smell blood in the Backstreets.
It seemed the pain and agony resumed.
One step after the other.
No fear. No hesitation.
Without feeling a thing.

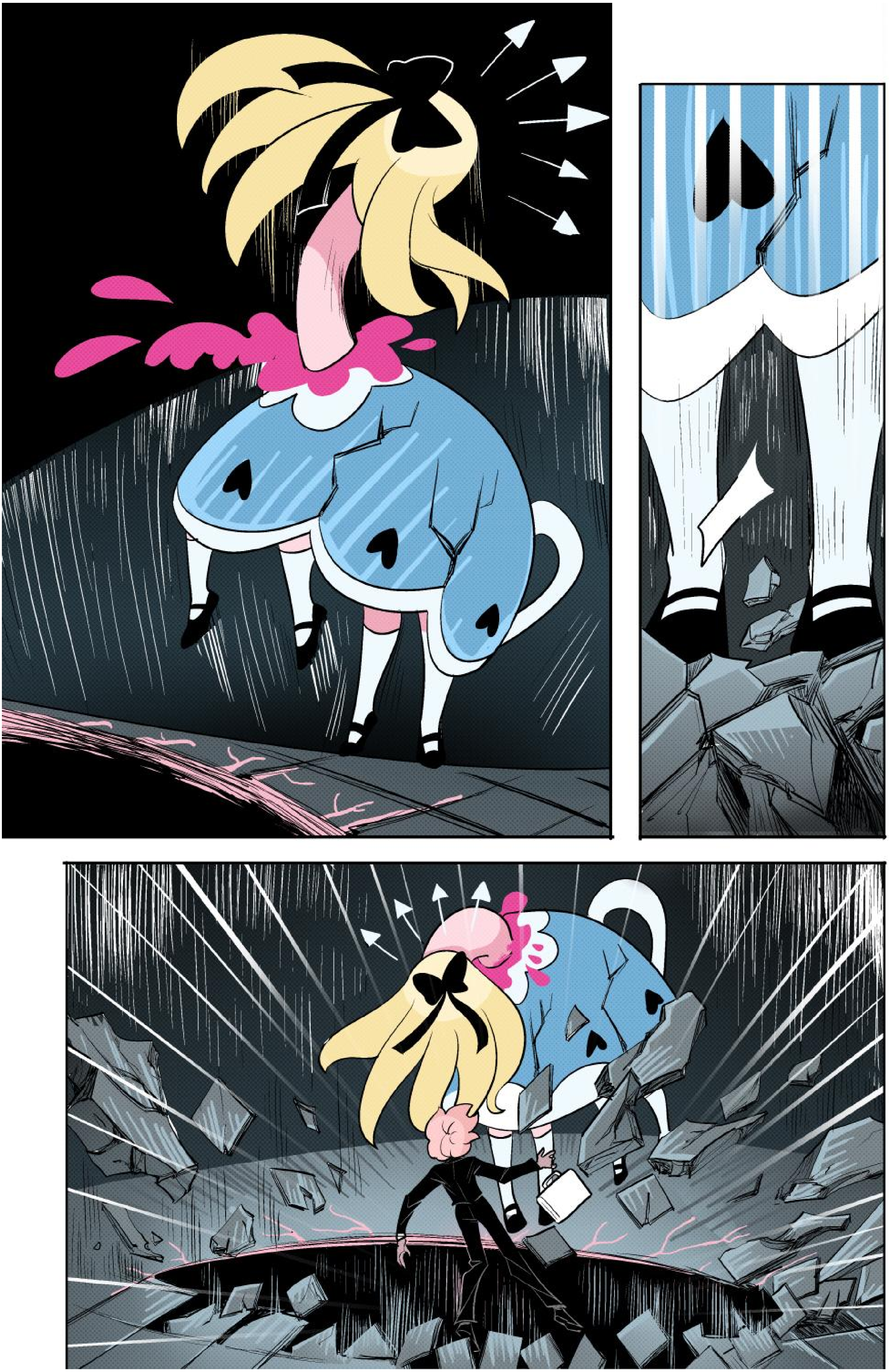

I only noticed I'd been walking for three days once I arrived at the company.
Lobotomy Corporation Branch O-5681
Disciplinary Agent Taii, Reporting for Work.

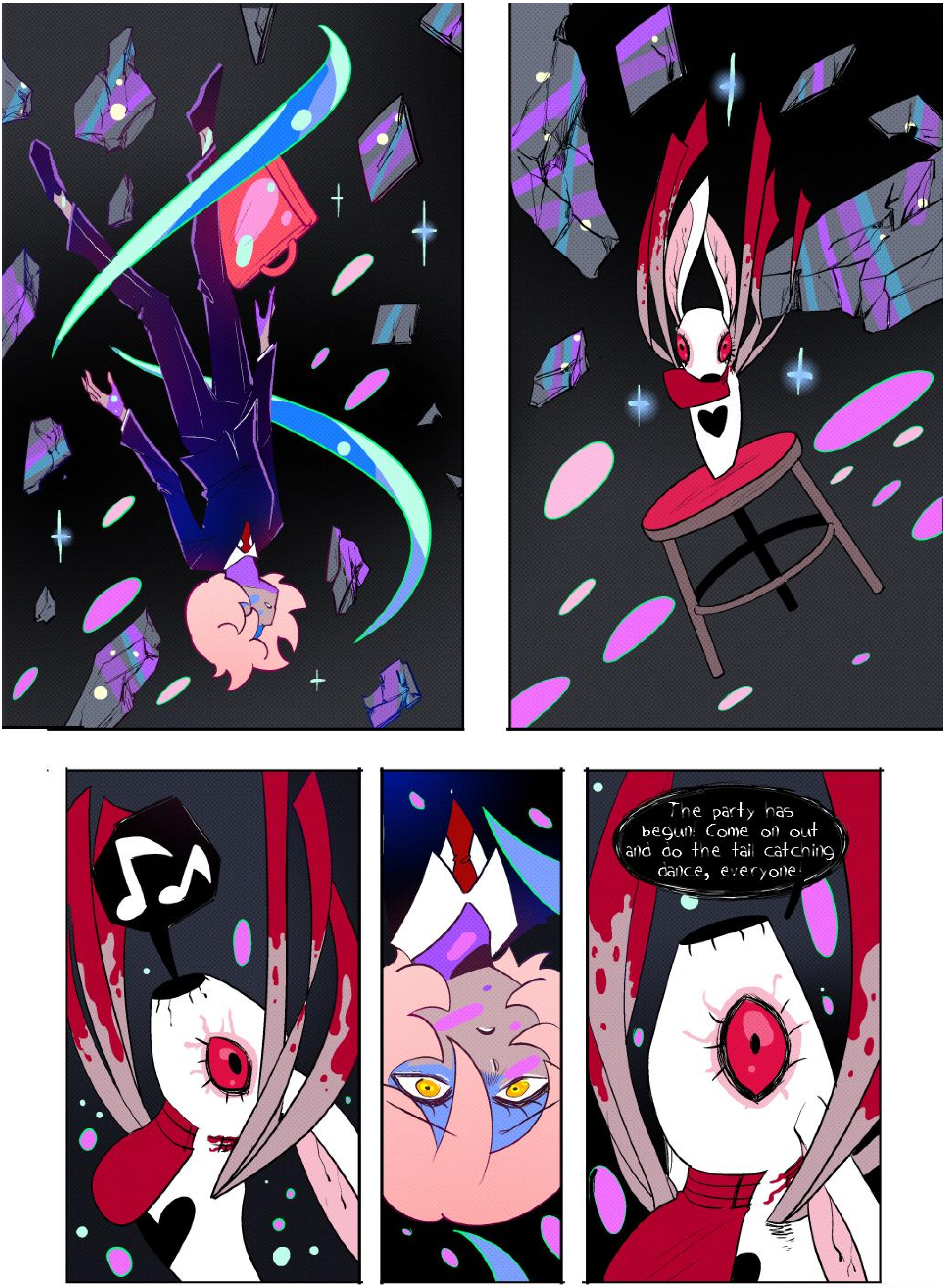

There aren't any employees on the ground floor.
Those who were underground...
Are trapped, I guess...






An Abnormality?!
How...
How are you...
Y-you...
Are you?
Whisper, Whisper

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The party has begun! Come on out and do the tail catching dance, everyone!

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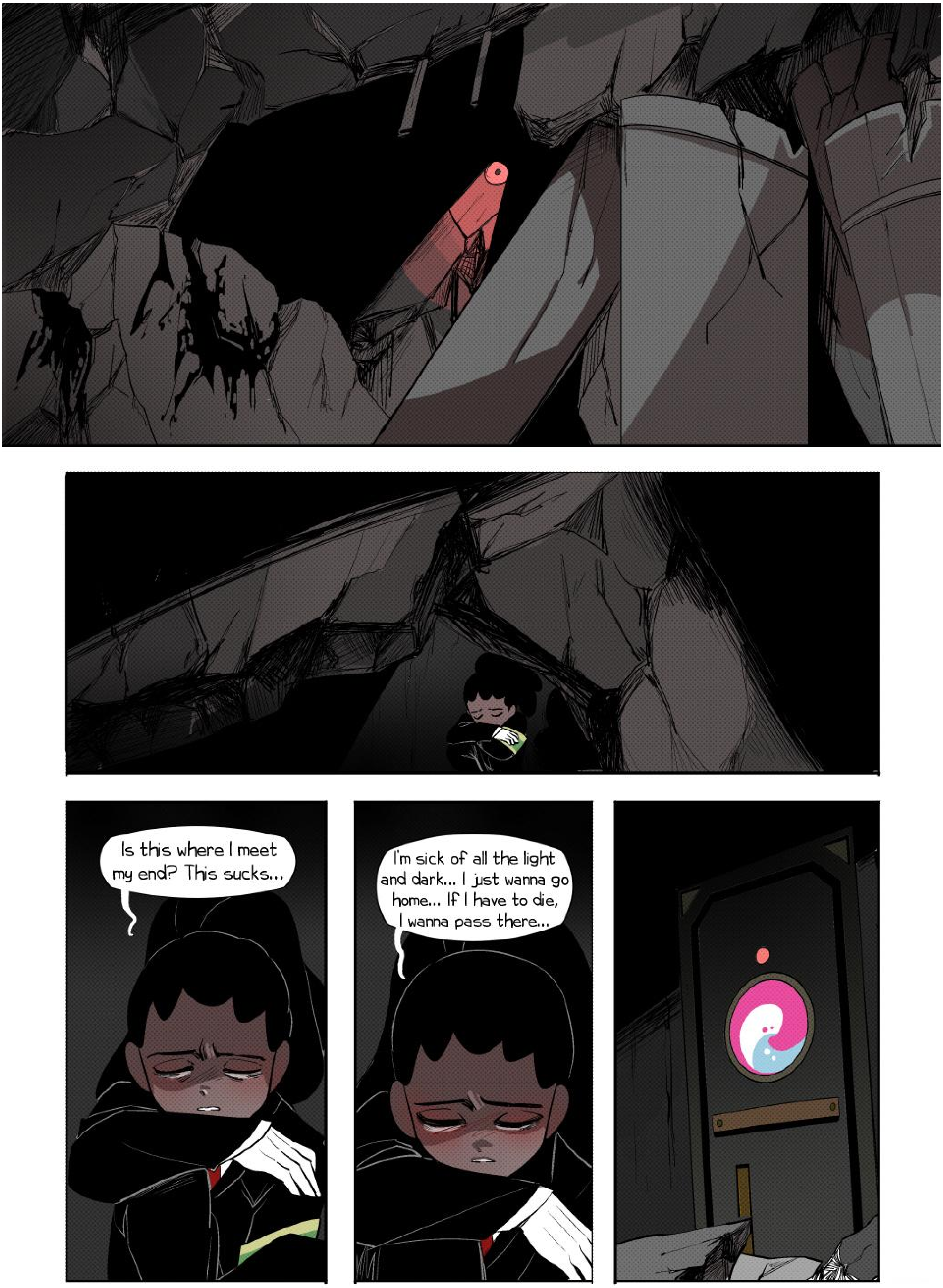
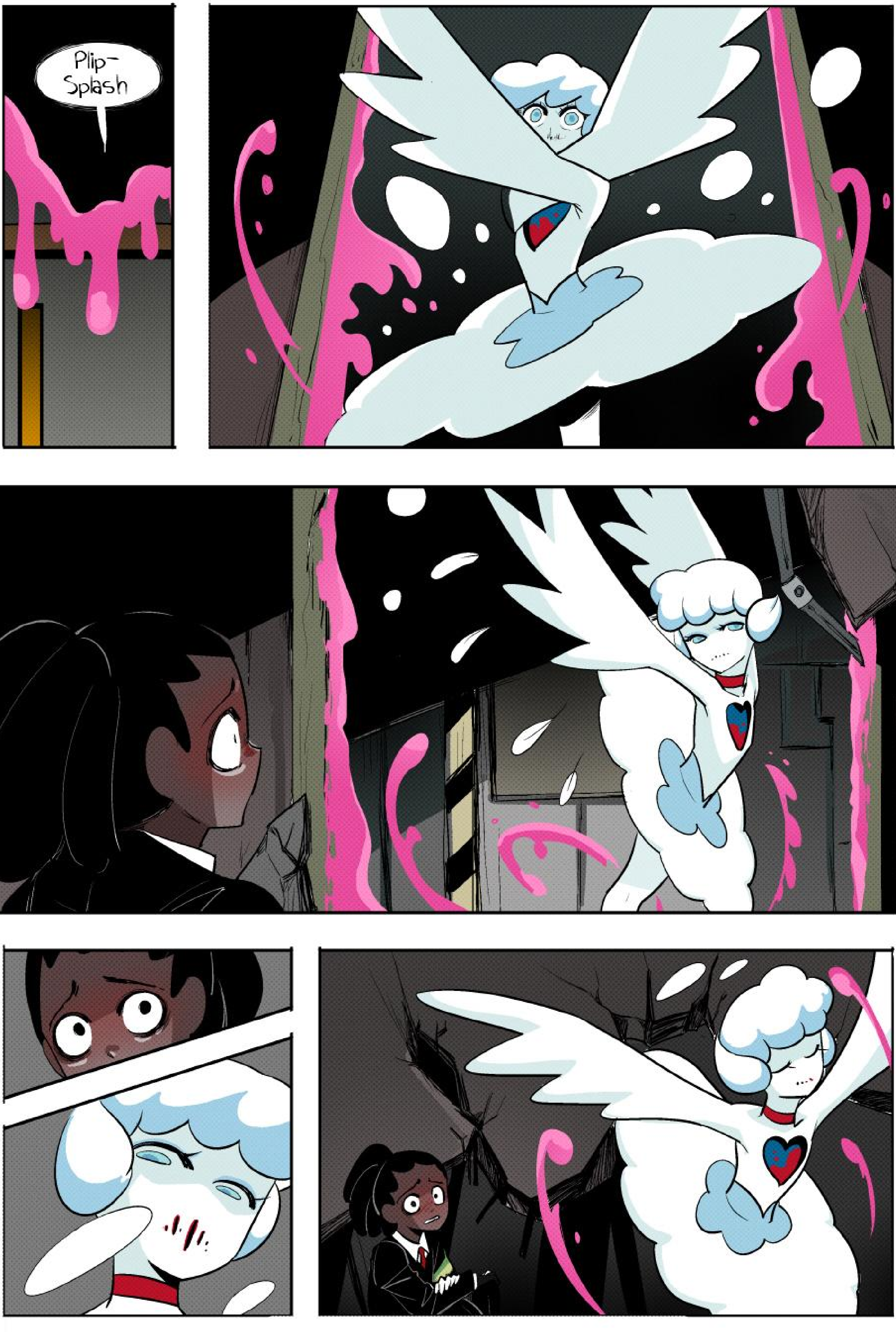
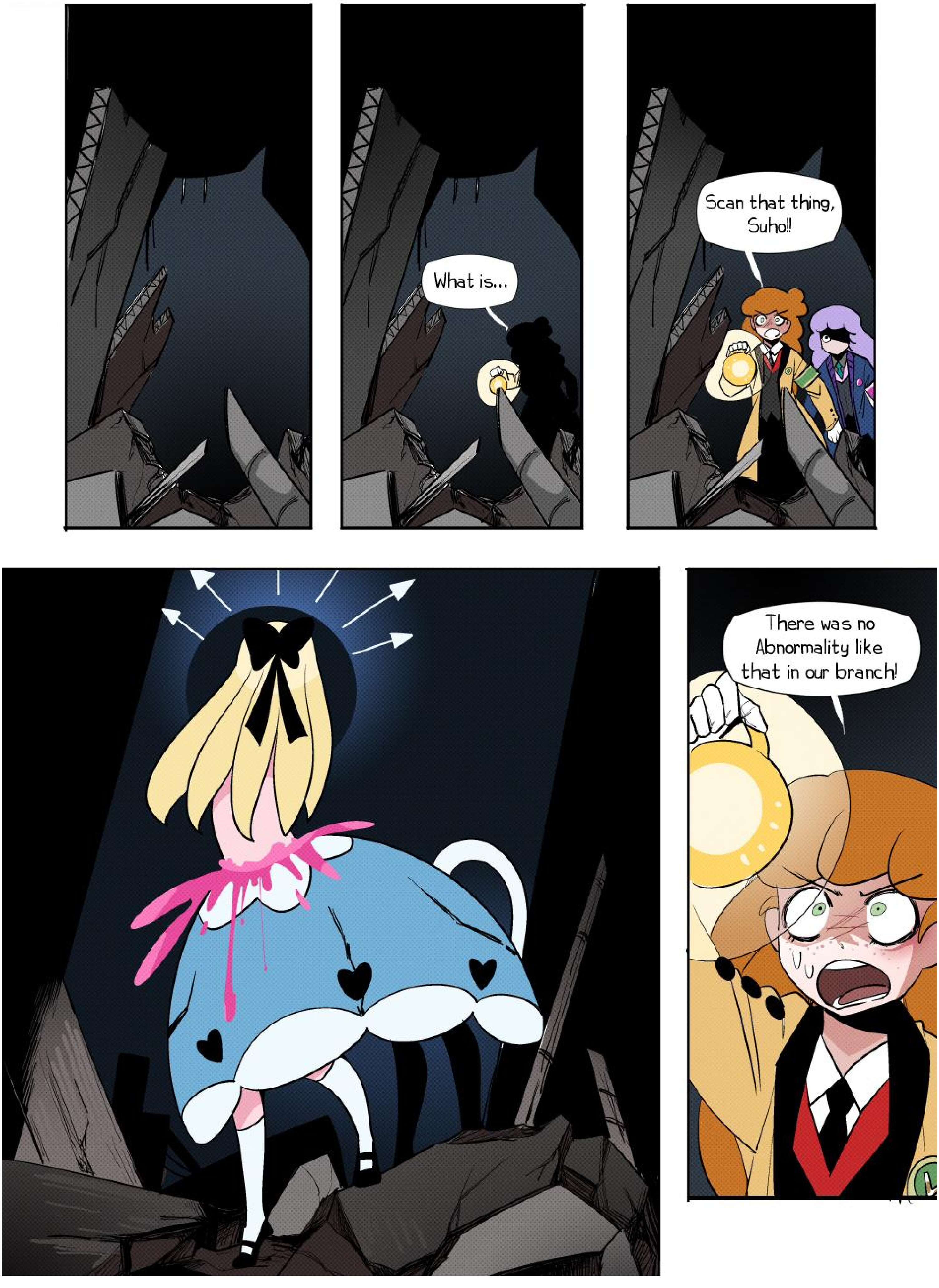
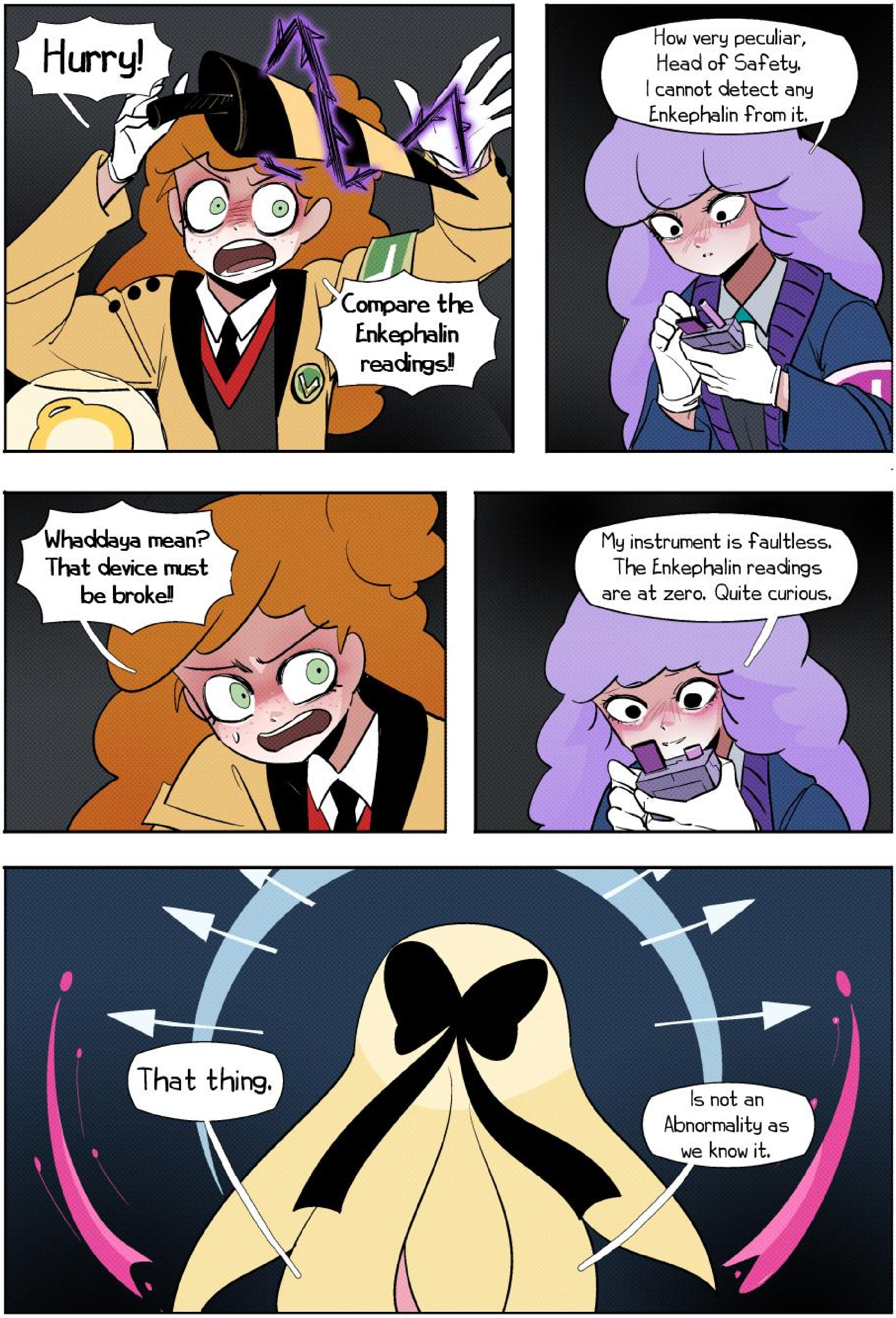
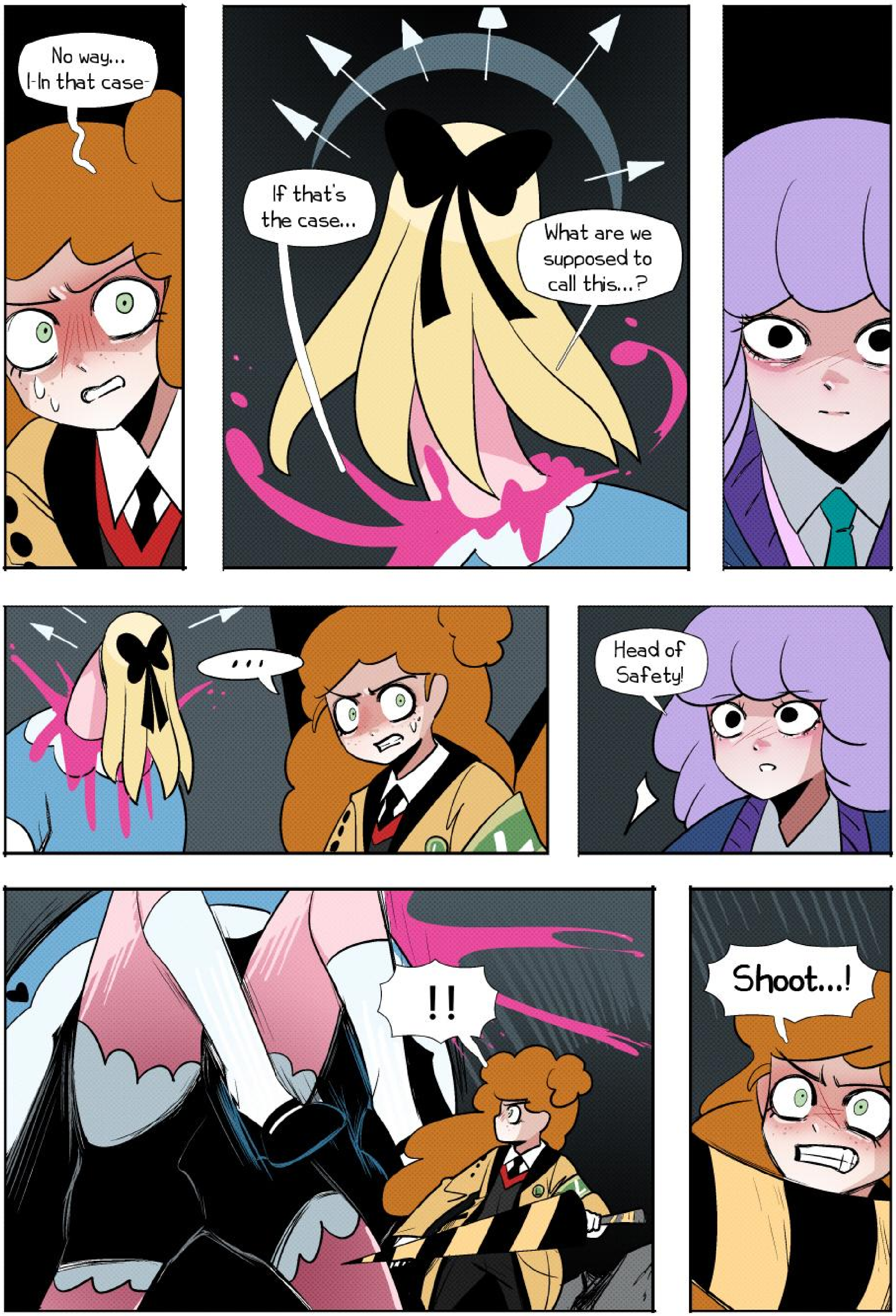
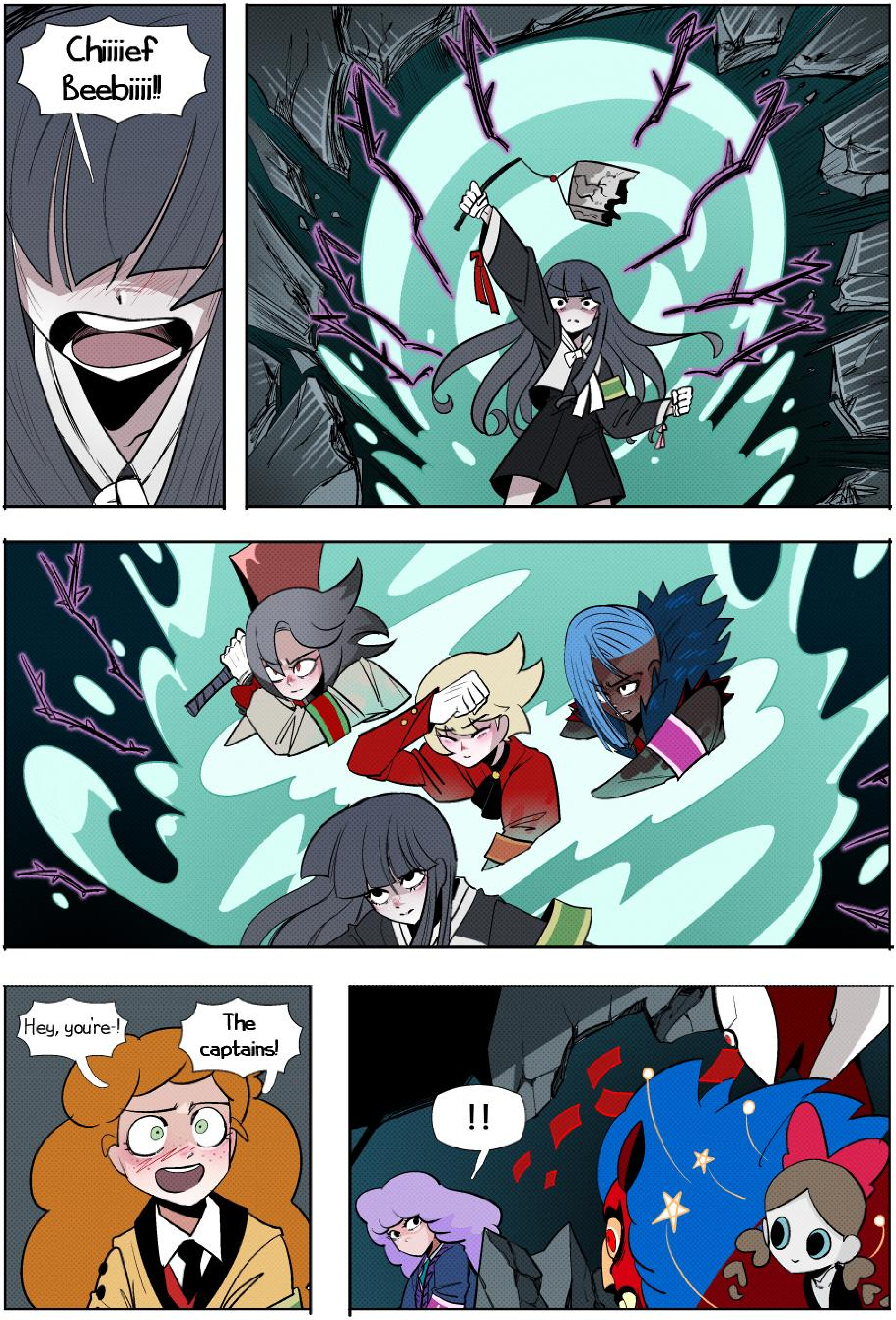

Is this where I meet my end? This sucks...
I'm sick of all the light and dark... I just wanna go home... If I have to die, I wanna pass there...


Plip-
Splash


What is...
Scan that thing, Suho!!
There was no Abnormality like that in our branch!


Hurry!
Compare the Enkephalin readings!!
How very peculiar, Head of Safety. I cannot detect any Enkephalin from it.
Whaddaya mean? That device must be broke!!
My instrument is faultless. The Enkephalin readings are at zero. Quite curious.
That thing.
Is not an Abnormality as we know it.


No way...
I-In that case-
If that's the case...
What are we supposed to call this...?
...
Head of Safety!
!!
Shoot...!


Chiiiief Beebiiii!!
Hey, you're-!
The captains!
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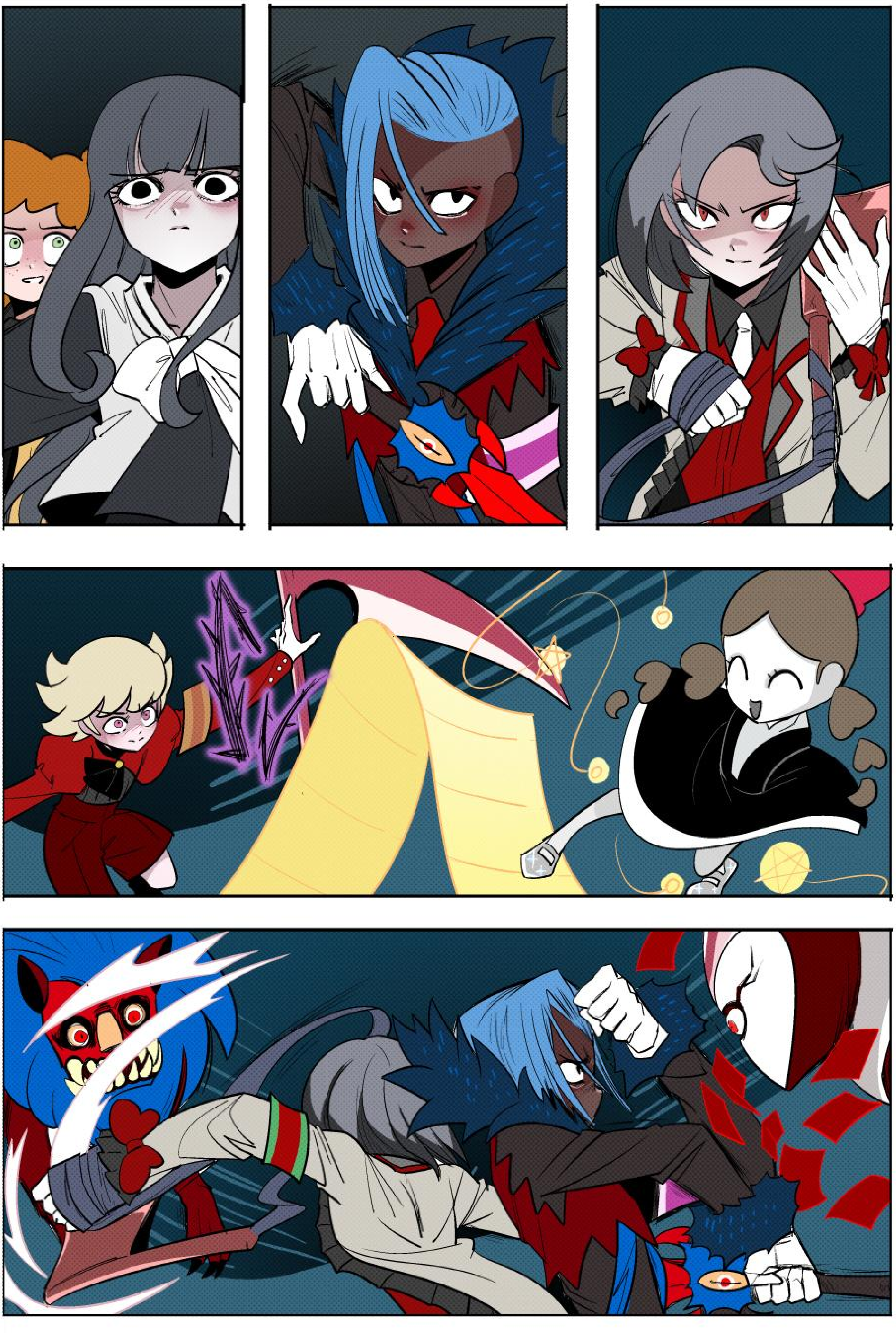
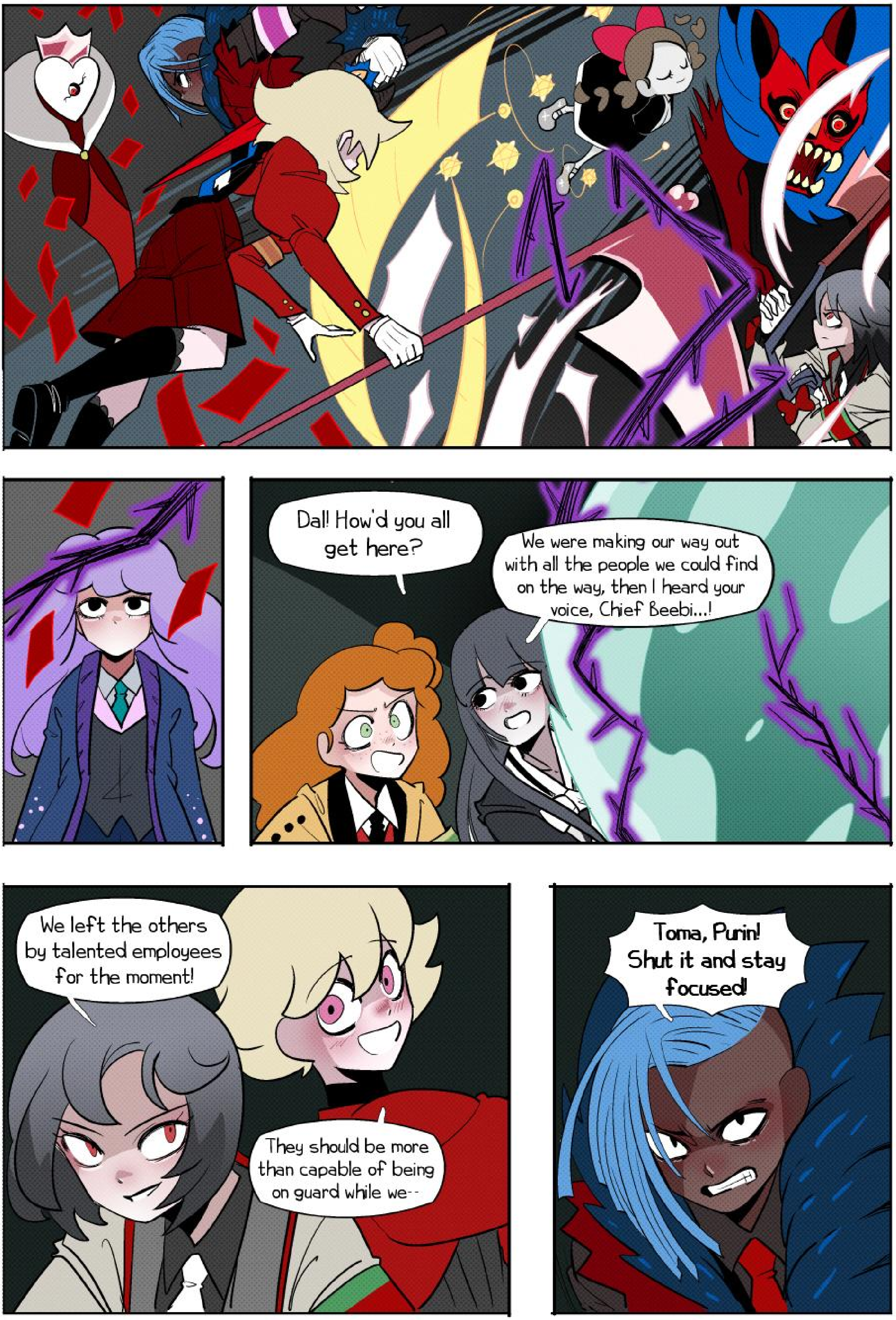
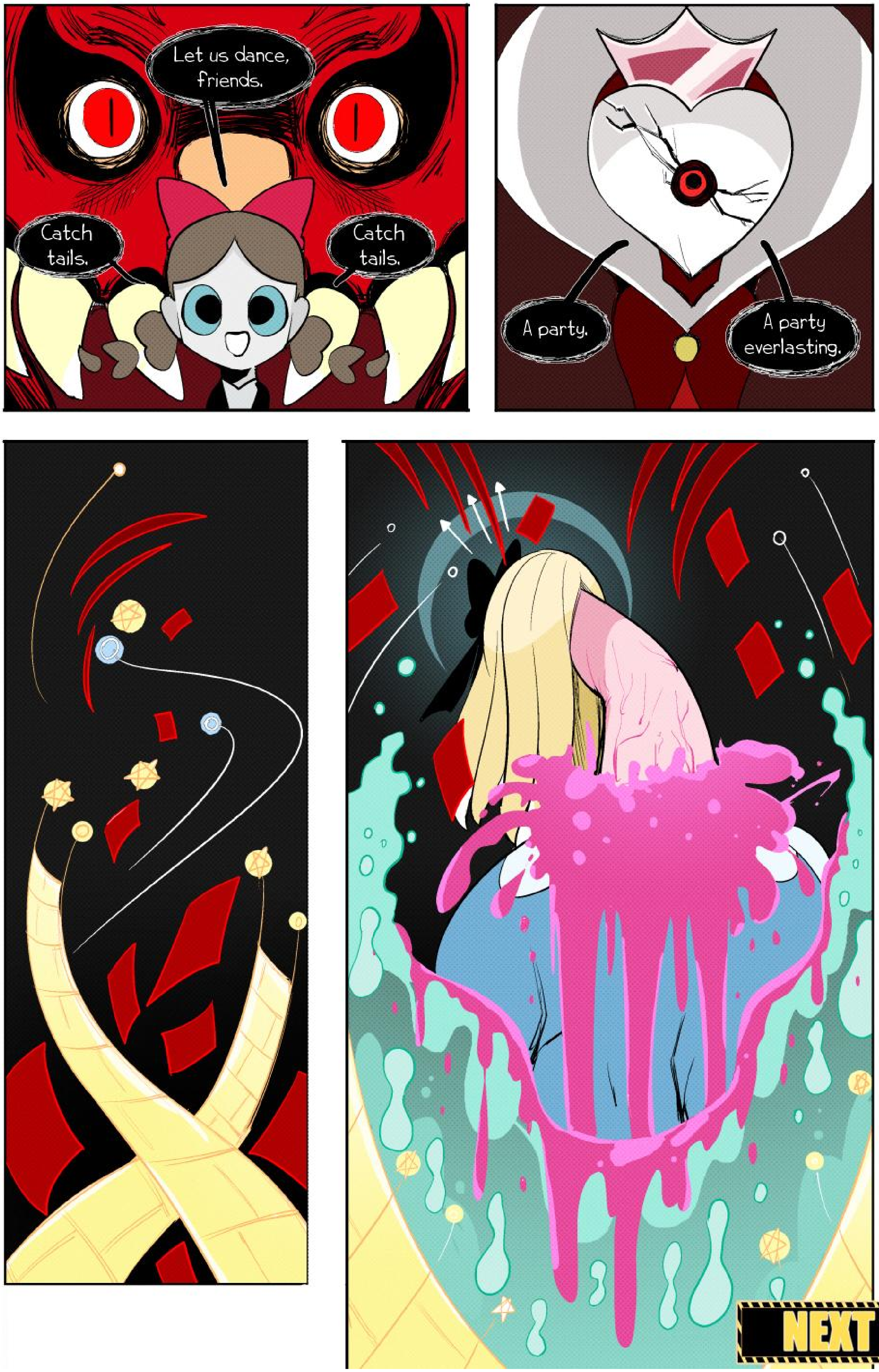



Dal! How'd you all get here?
We were making our way out with all the people we could find on the way, then I heard your voice, Chief Beebi...!
We left the others by talented employees for the moment!
They should be more than capable of being on guard while we--
Toma, Purin! Shut it and stay focused!


Let us dance, friends.
Catch tails.
Catch tails.
A party.
A party everlasting.

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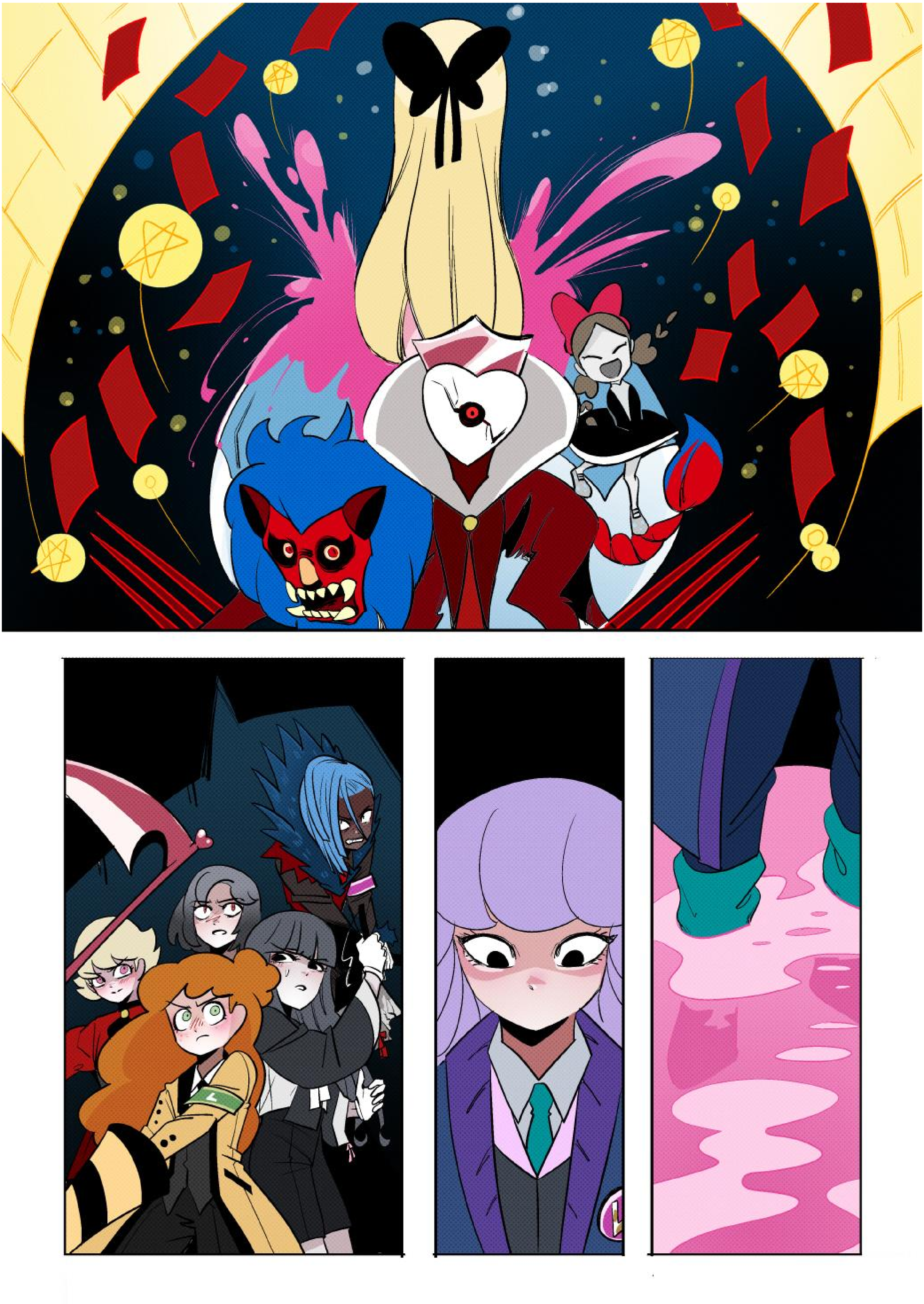
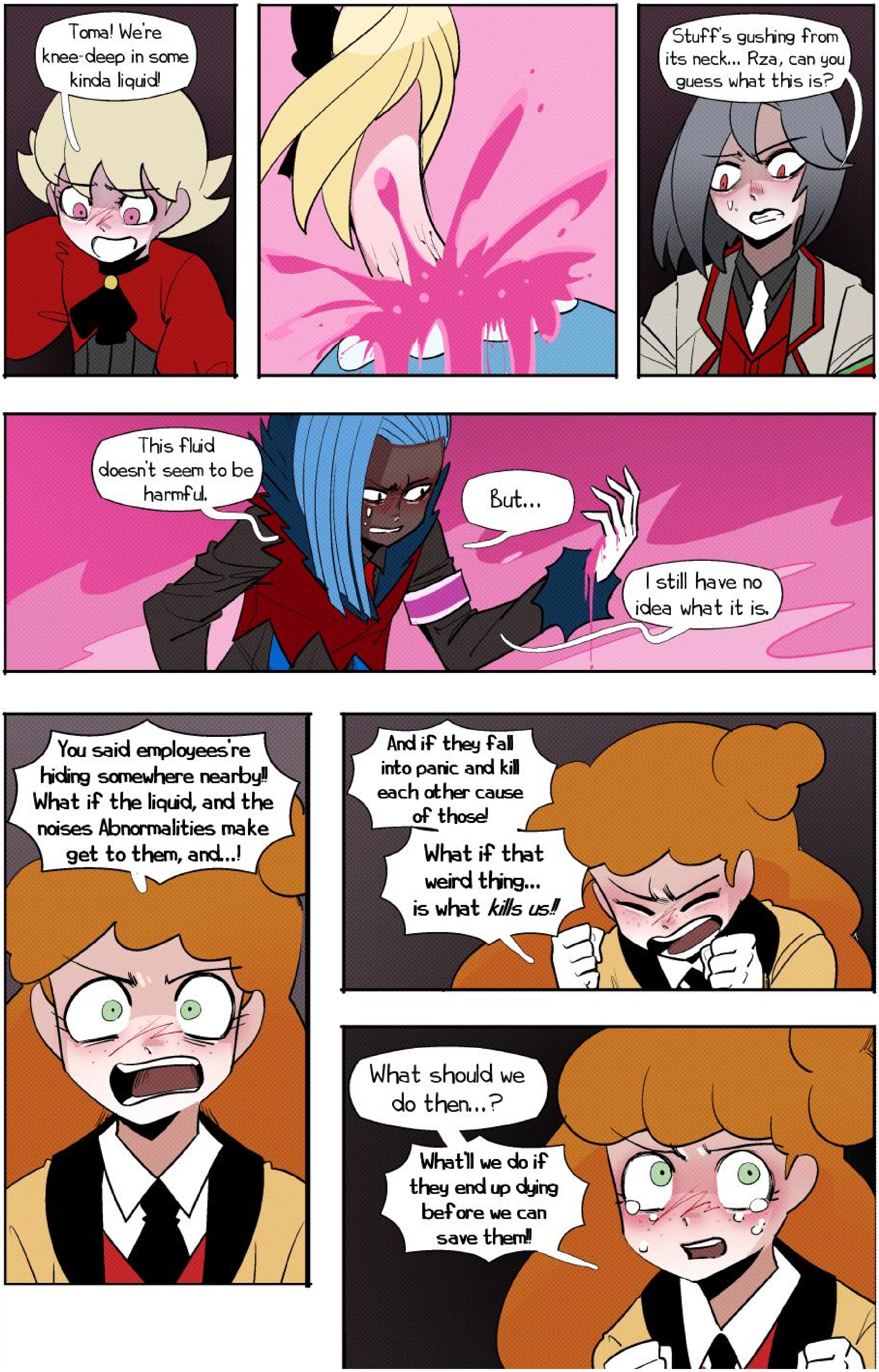
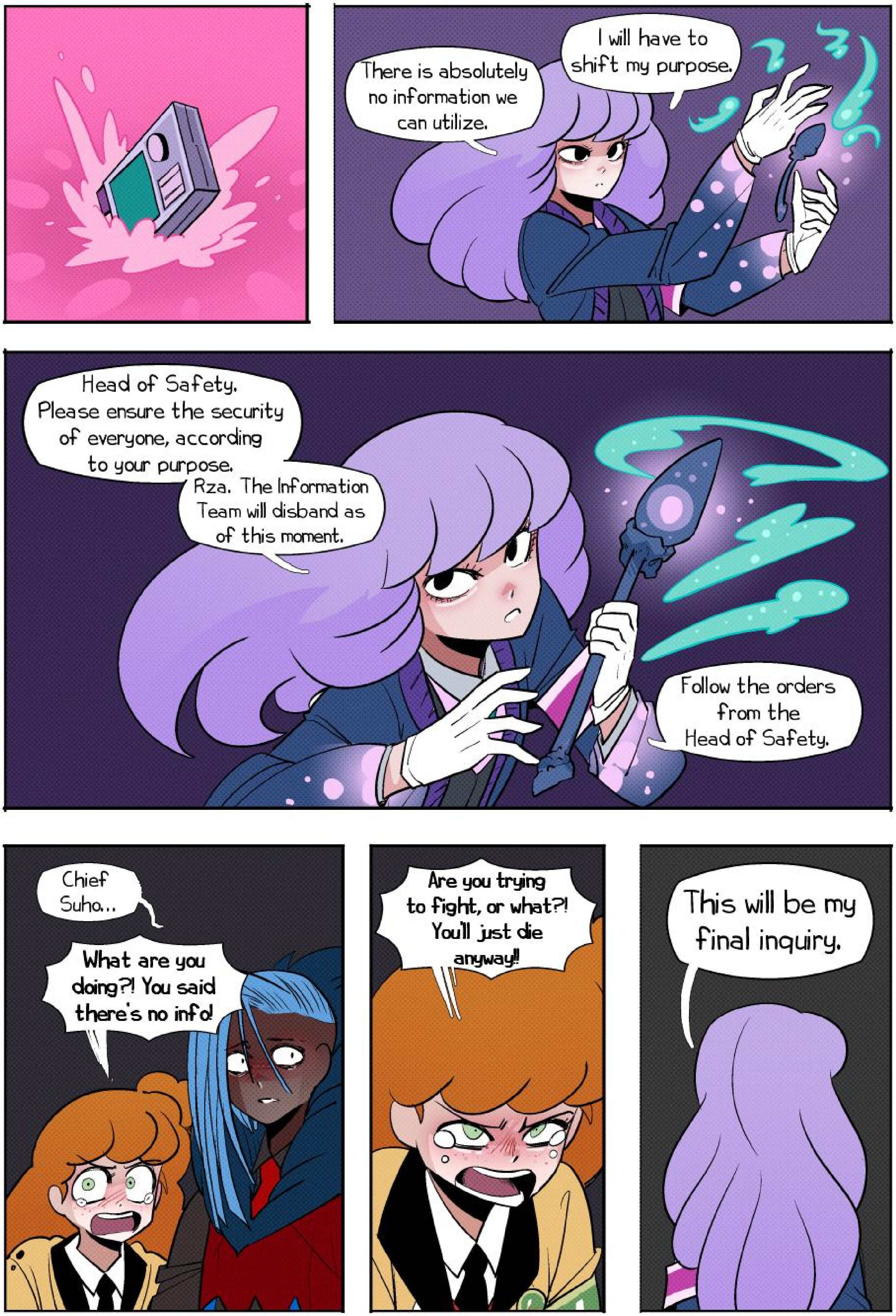
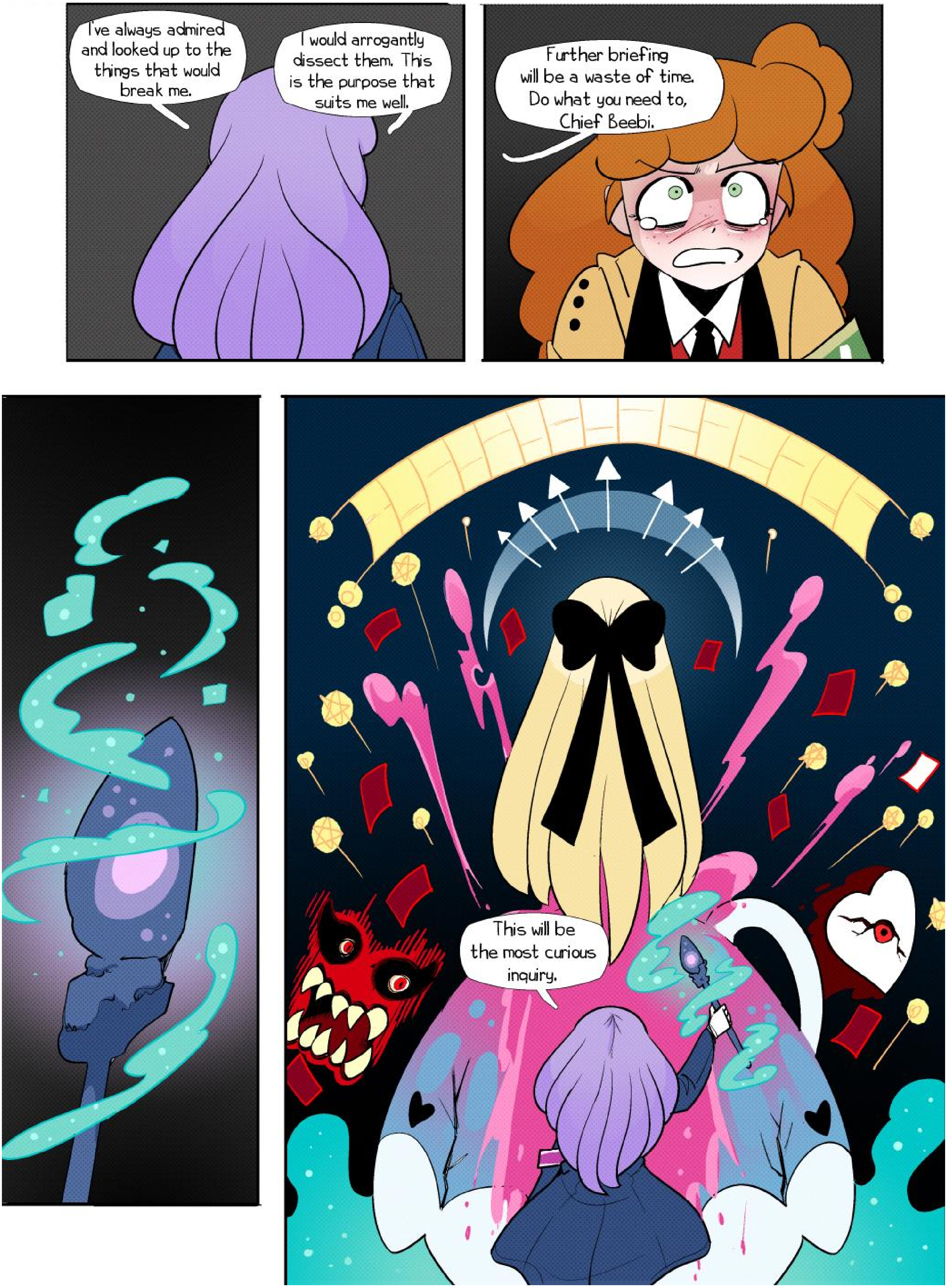
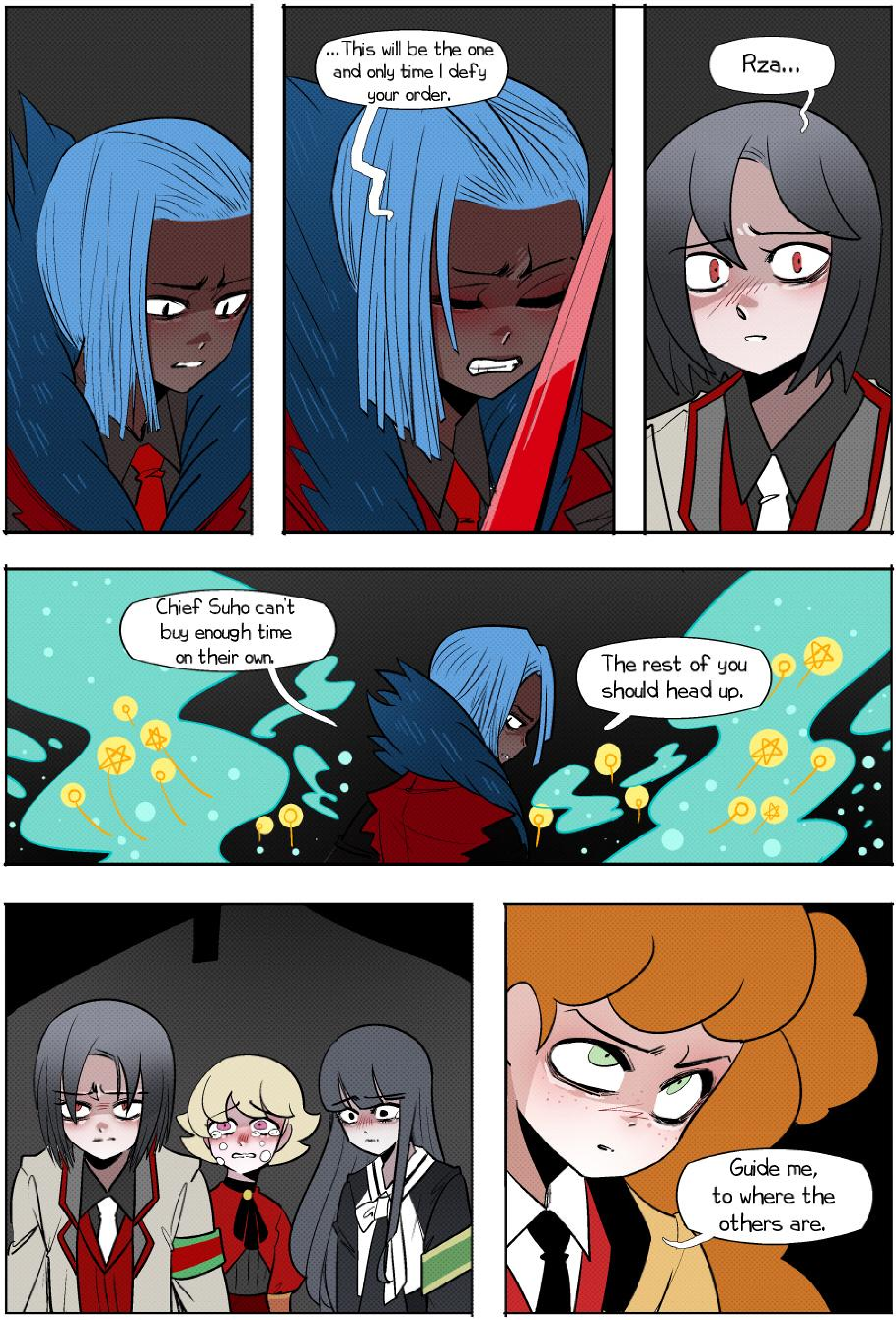
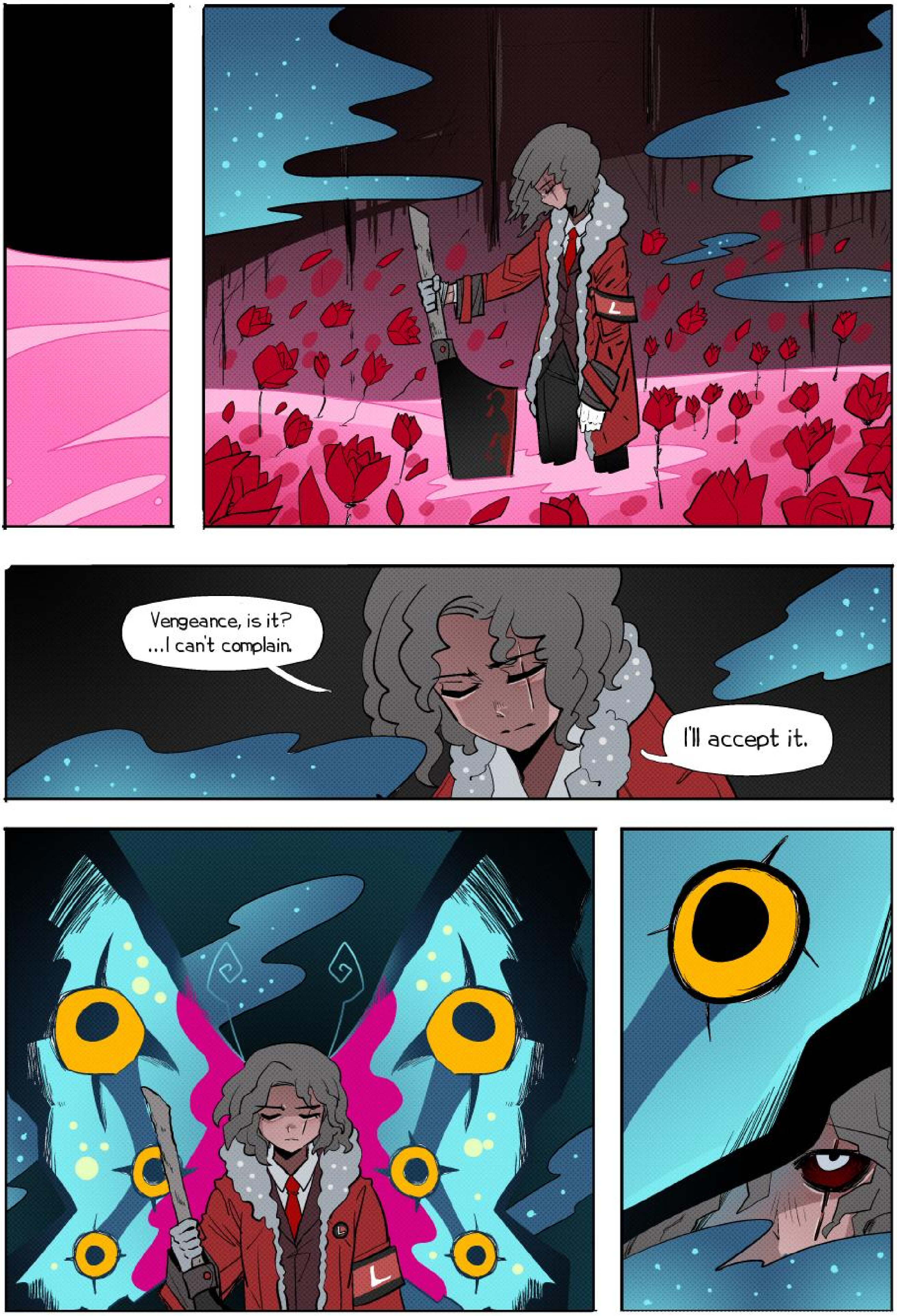


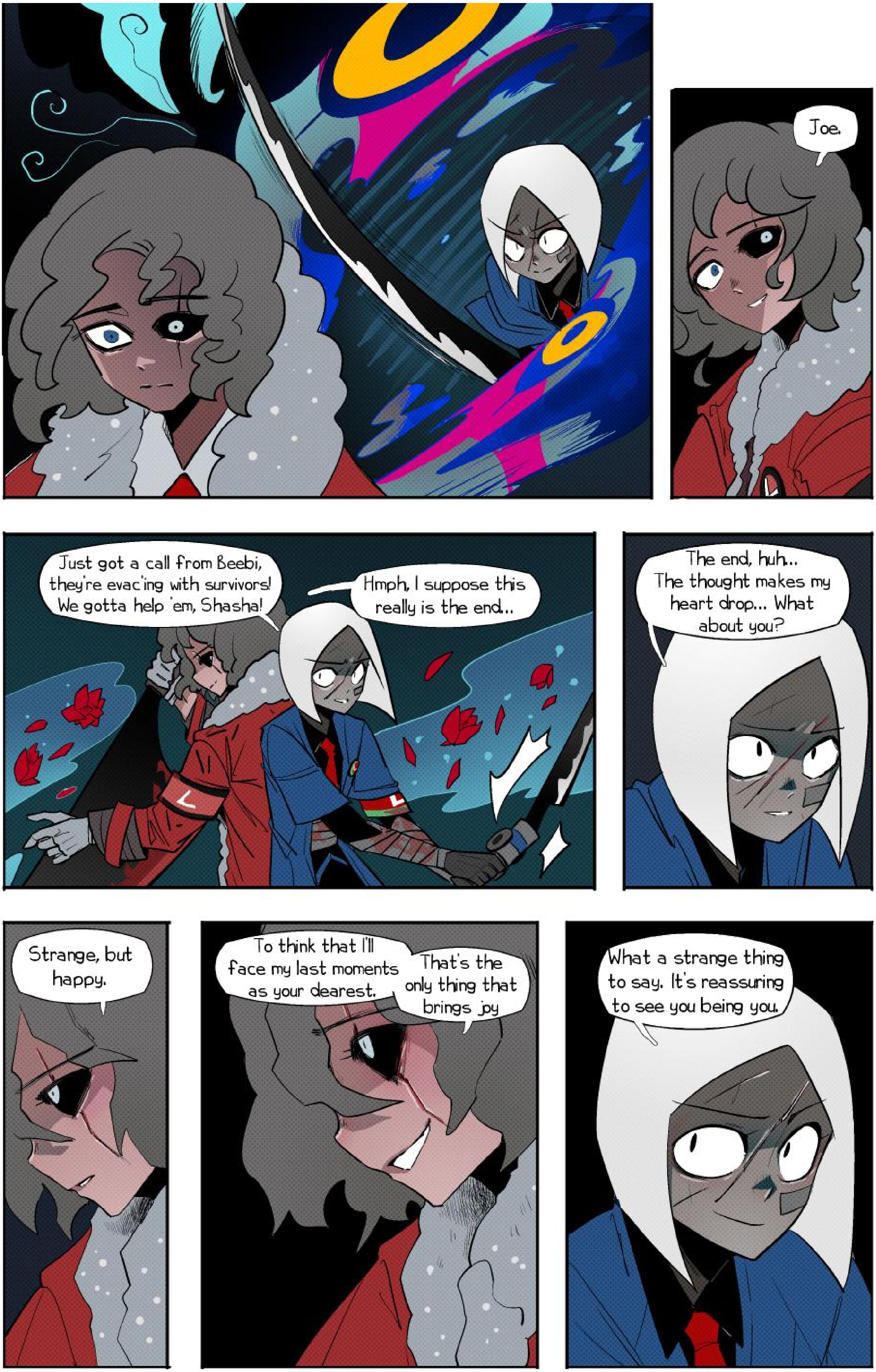

Toma! We're knee-deep in some kinda liquid!
Stuff's gushing from its neck... Rza, can you guess what this is?
This fluid doesn't seem to be harmful.
But...
I still have no idea what it is.
You said employees're hiding somewhere nearby!! What if the liquid, and the noises Abnormalities make get to them, and...!
And if they fall into panic and kill each other cause of those!
What if that weird thing... is what *kills us!!*
What should we do then...?
What'll we do if they end up dying before we can save them!!

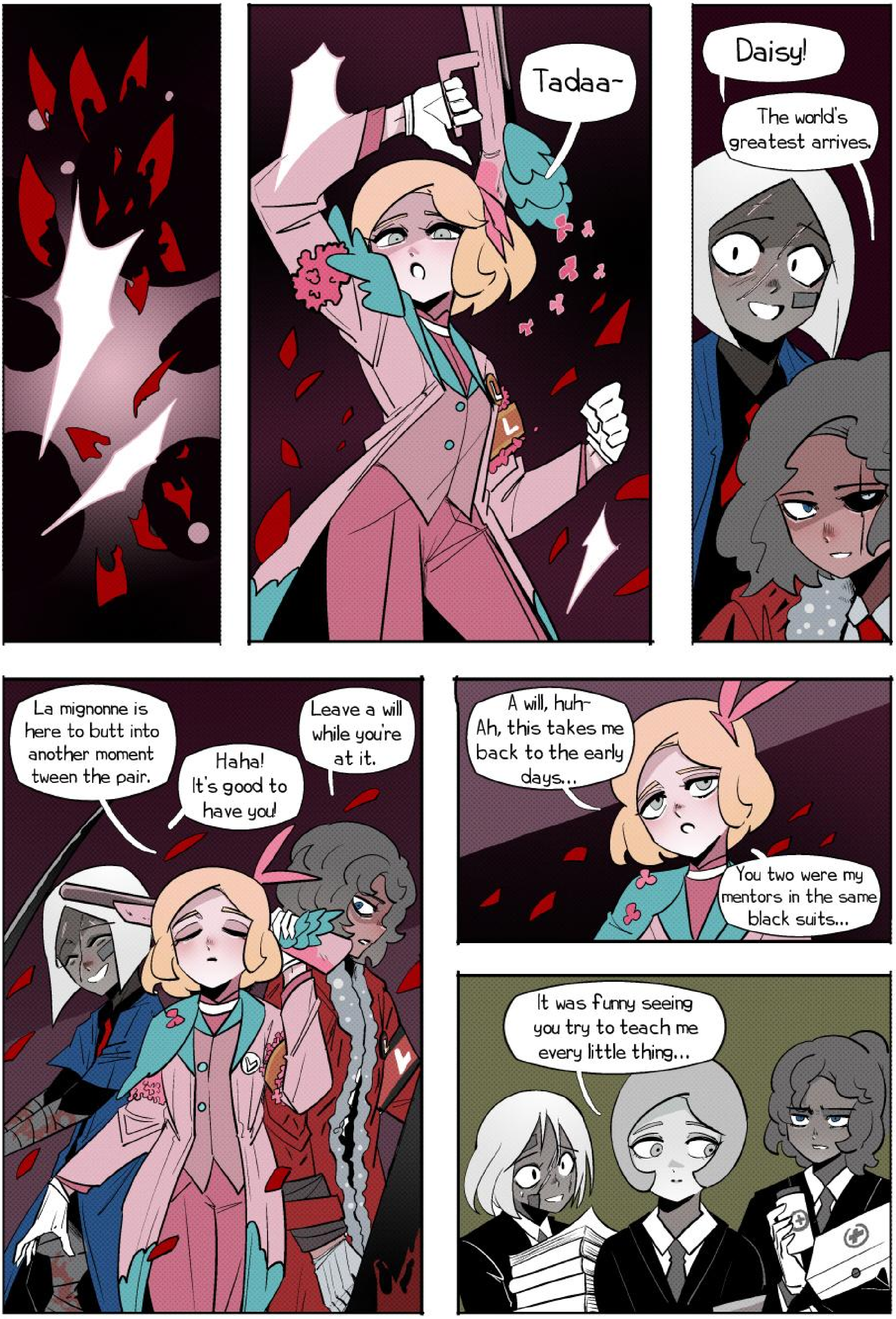

There is absolutely no information we can utilize.
I will have to shift my purpose.
Head of Safety. Please ensure the security of everyone, according to your purpose.
Rza. The Information Team will disband as of this moment.
Follow the orders from the Head of Safety.
Chief Suho...
What are you doing?! You said there's no info!
Are you trying to fight, or what?! You'll just die anyway!!
This will be my final inquiry.

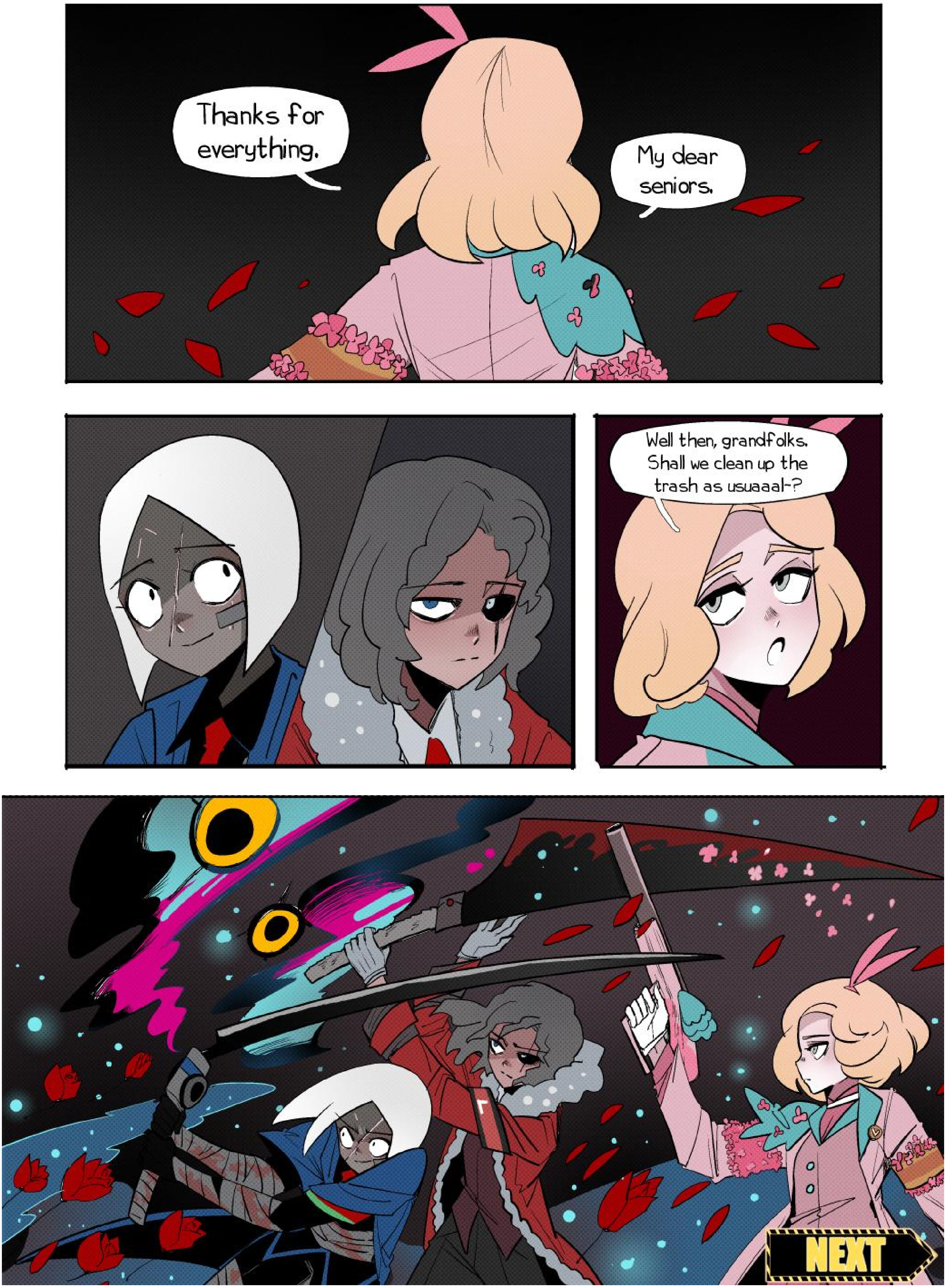

I've always admired and looked up to the things that would break me.
I would arrogantly dissect them. This is the purpose that suits me well.
Further briefing will be a waste of time. Do what you need to, Chief Beebi.
This will be the most curious inquiry.


...This will be the one and only time I defy your order.
Rza...
Chief Suho can't buy enough time on their own.
The rest of you should head up.
Guide me, to where the others are.


Vengeance, is it?
...I can't complain.
I'll accept it.


Joe.
Just got a call from Beebi, they're evac'ing with survivors! We gotta help 'em, Shasha!
Hmph, I suppose this really is the end...
The end, huh... The thought makes my heart drop... What about you?
Strange, but happy.
To think that I'll face my last moments as your dearest.
That's the only thing that brings joy
What a strange thing to say. It's reassuring to see you being you.


Tadaa~
Daisy!
The world's greatest arrives.
La mignonne is here to butt into another moment tween the pair.
Haha! It's good to have you!
Leave a will while you're at it.
A will, huh-
Ah, this takes me back to the early days...
You two were my mentors in the same black suits...
It was funny seeing you try to teach me every little thing...


Thanks for everything.
My dear seniors.
Well then, grandfolks. Shall we clean up the trash as usuaaal-?
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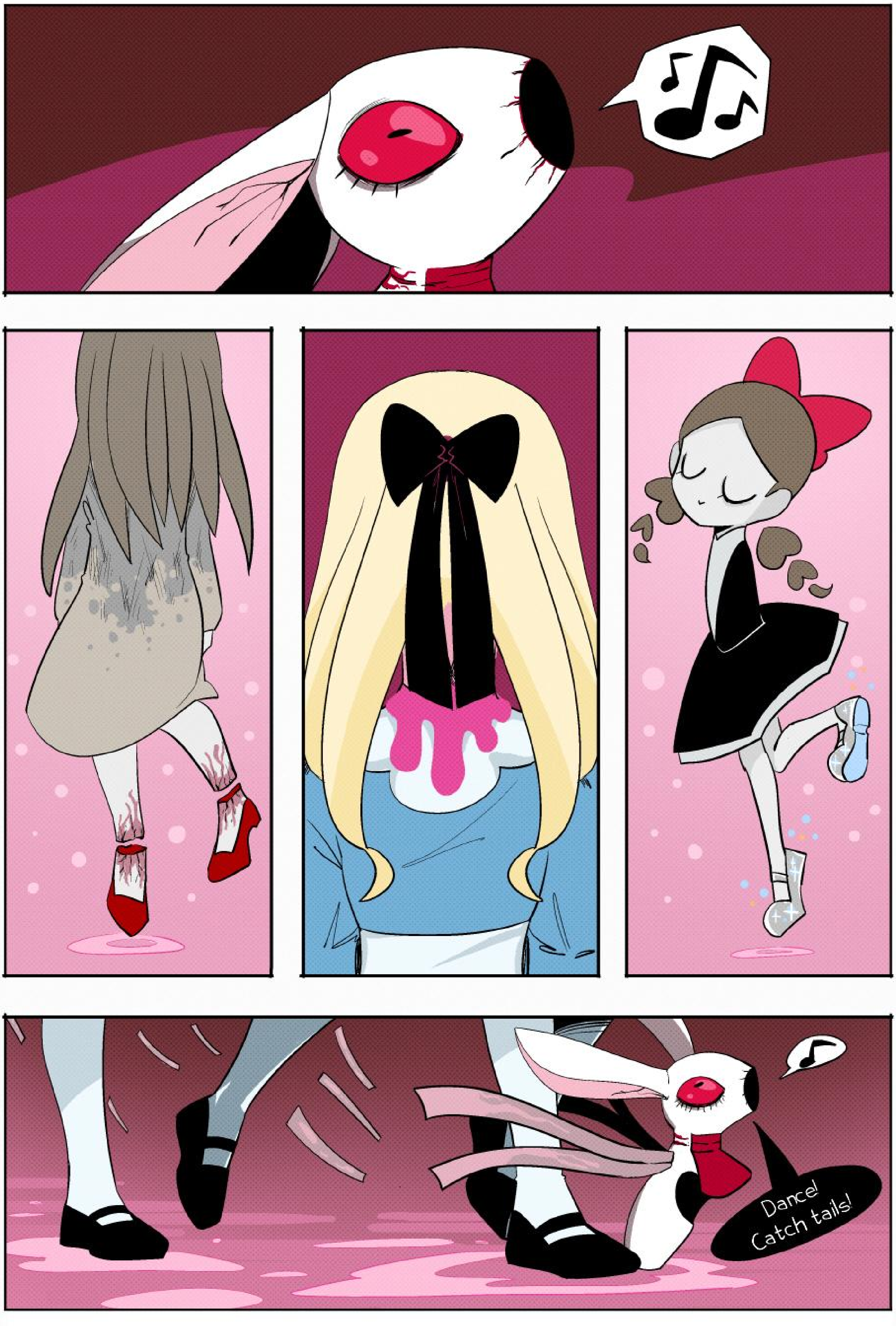
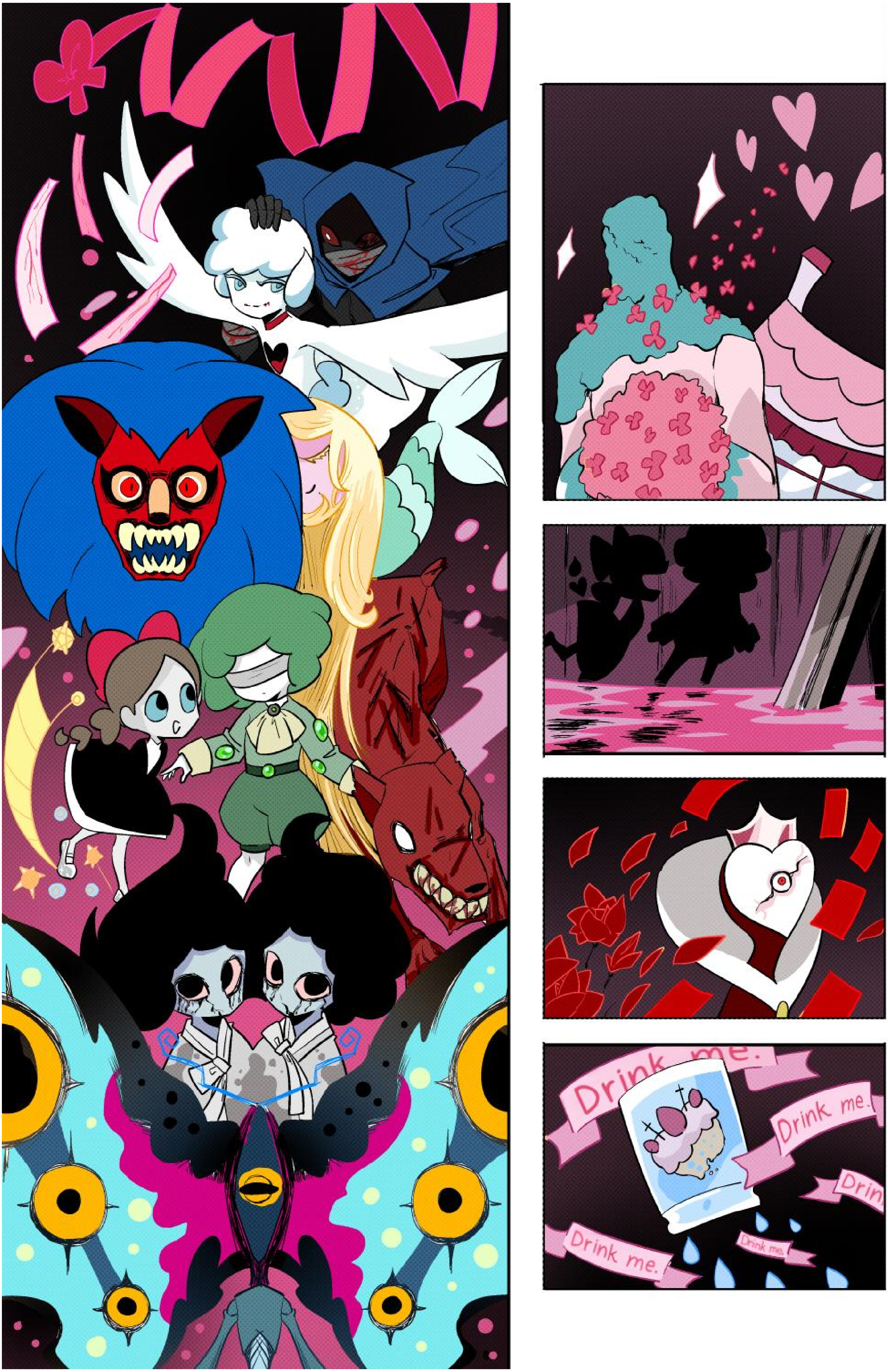

Dance! Catch tails!


Drink me.
Drink me.
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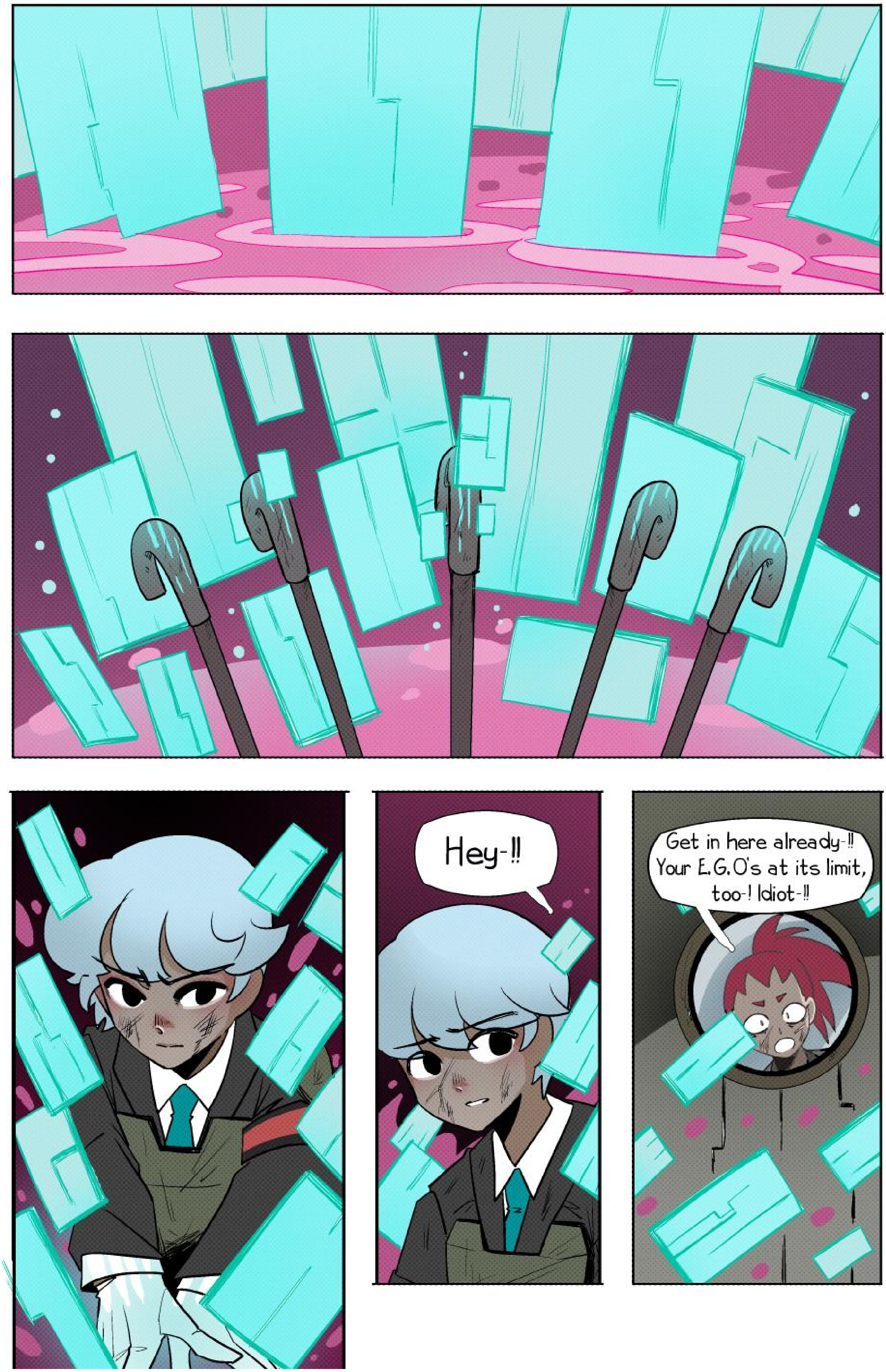
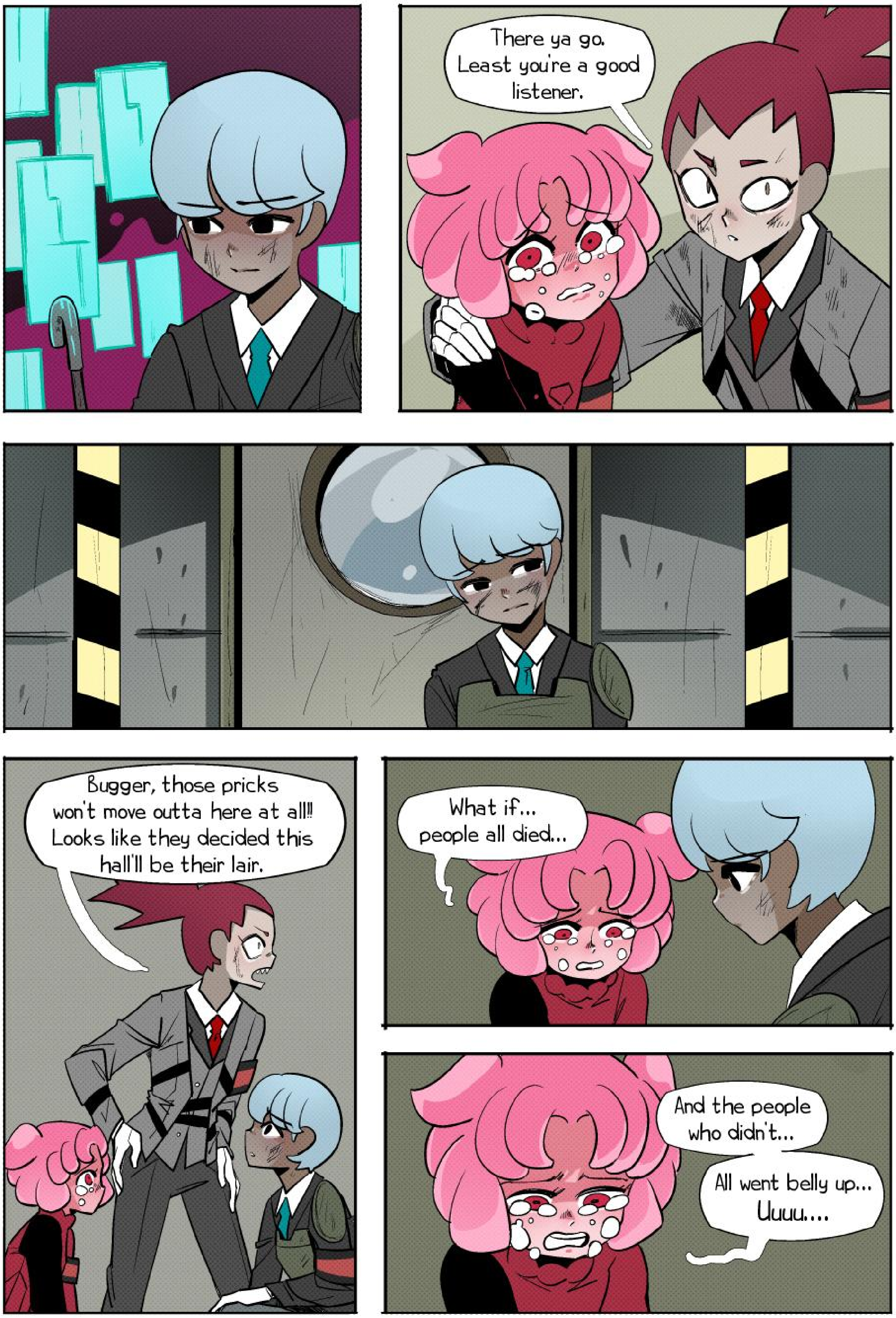
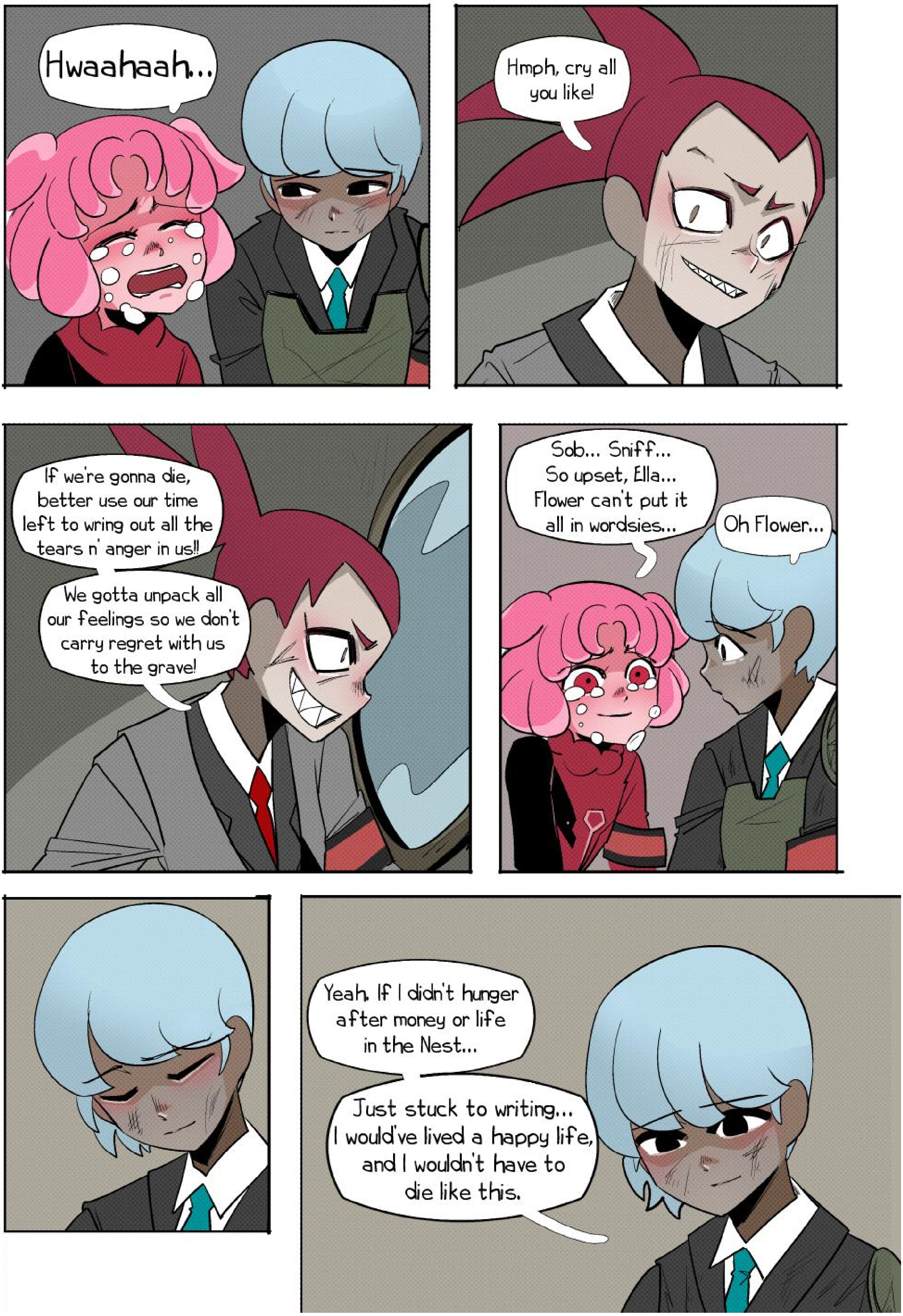
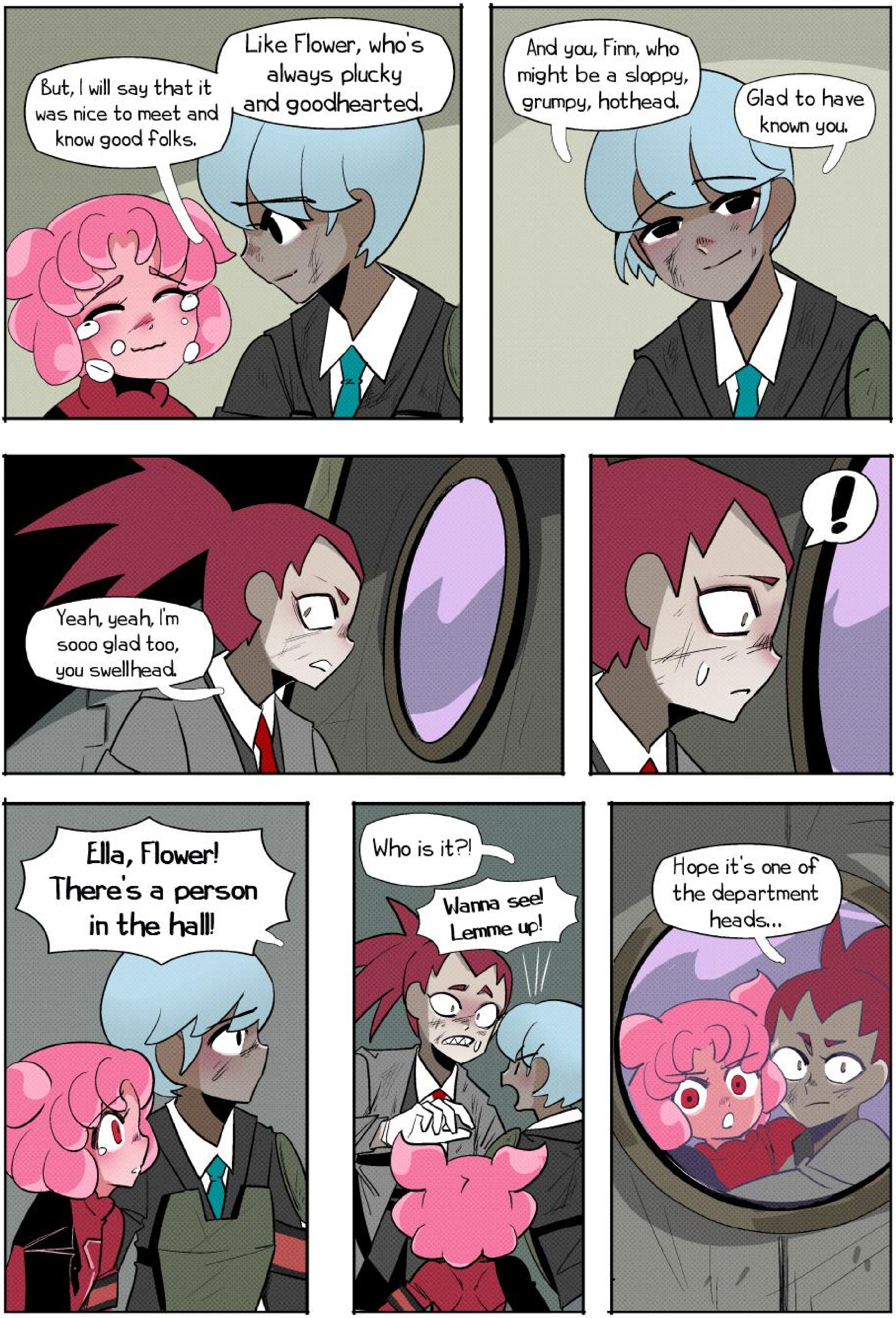
Drink me.
Drink me.


Hey-!!
Get in here already-!! Your E.G.O's at its limit, too-! Idiot-!!


There ya go. Least you're a good listener.
Bugger, those pricks won't move outta here at all!! Looks like they decided this hall'll be their lair.
What if... people all died...
And the people who didn't...
All went belly up... Uuuu....


Hwaahaah...
Hmph, cry all you like!
If we're gonna die, better use our time left to wring out all the tears n' anger in us!!
We gotta unpack all our feelings so we don't carry regret with us to the grave!
Sob... Sniff... So upset, Ella... Flower can't put it all in wordsies...
Oh Flower...
Yeah. If I didn't hunger after money or life in the Nest...
Just stuck to writing... I would've lived a happy life, and I wouldn't have to die like this.


But, I will say that it was nice to meet and know good folks.
Like Flower, who's always plucky and goodhearted.
And you, Finn, who might be a sloppy, grumpy, hothead.
Glad to have known you.
Yeah, yeah, I'm sooo glad too, you swellhead.
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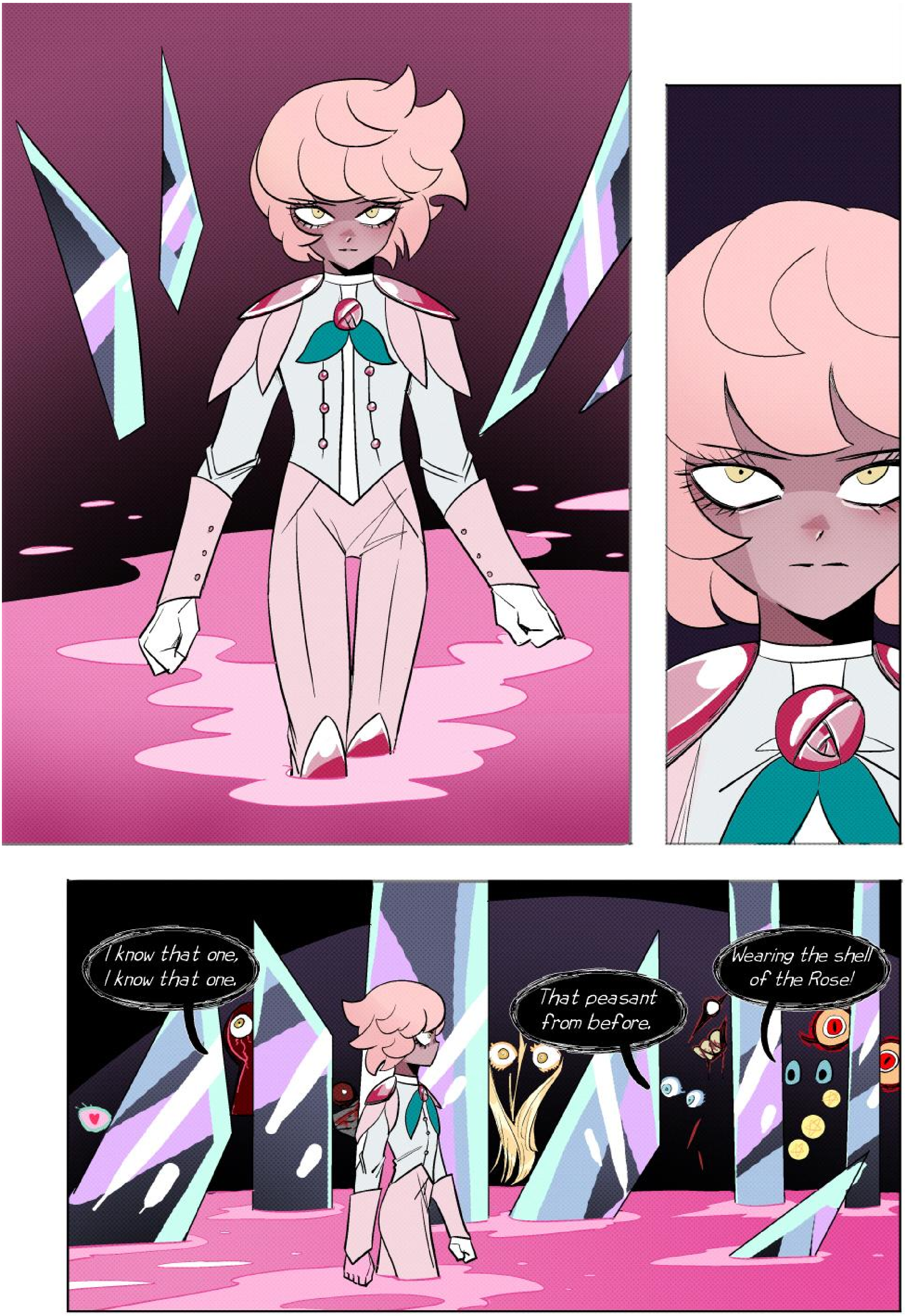
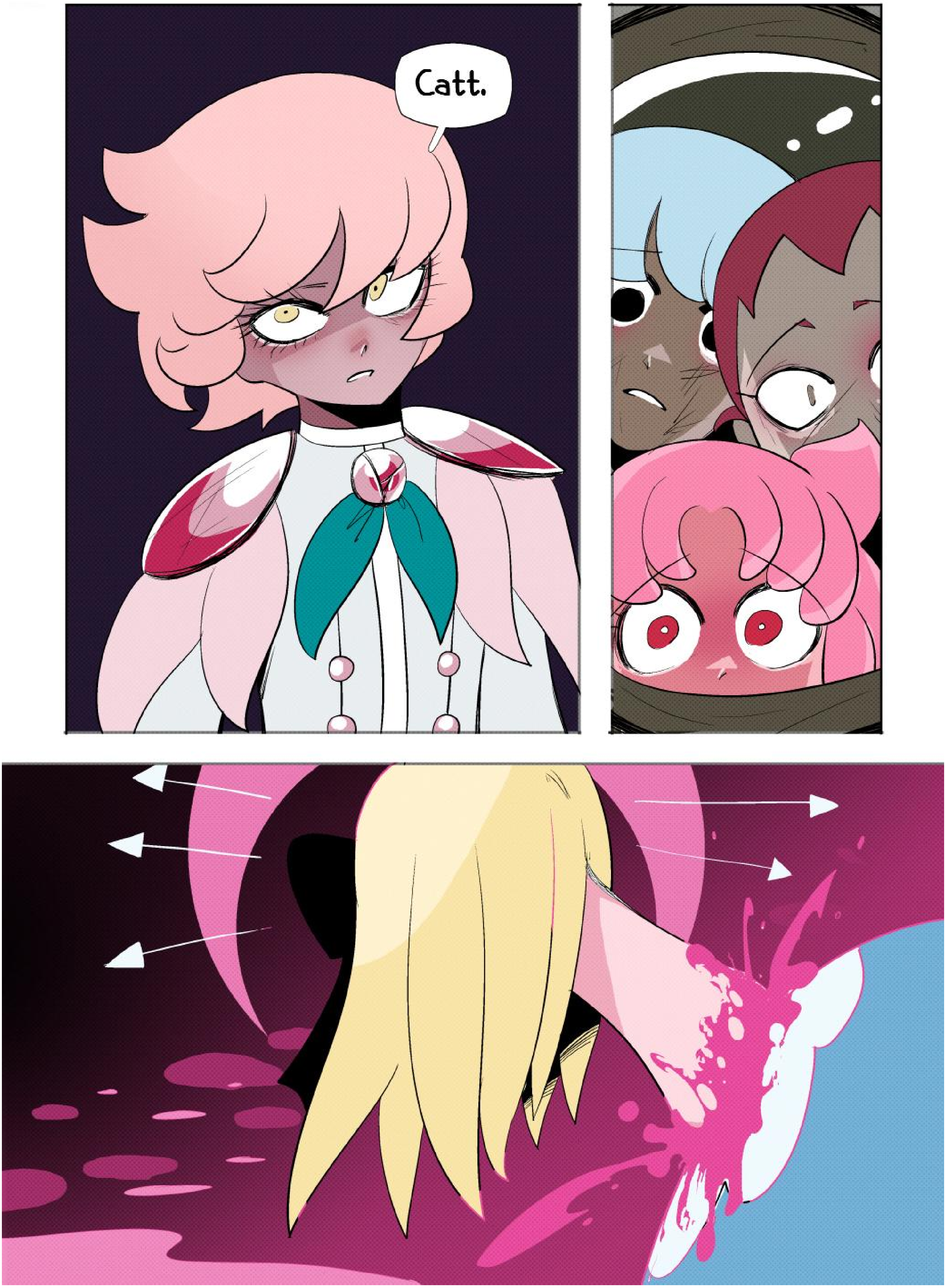
Ella, Flower! There's a person in the hall!
Who is it?!
Wanna see! Lemme up!
Hope it's one of the department heads...


I know that one, I know that one.
That peasant from before.
Wearing the shell of the Rose!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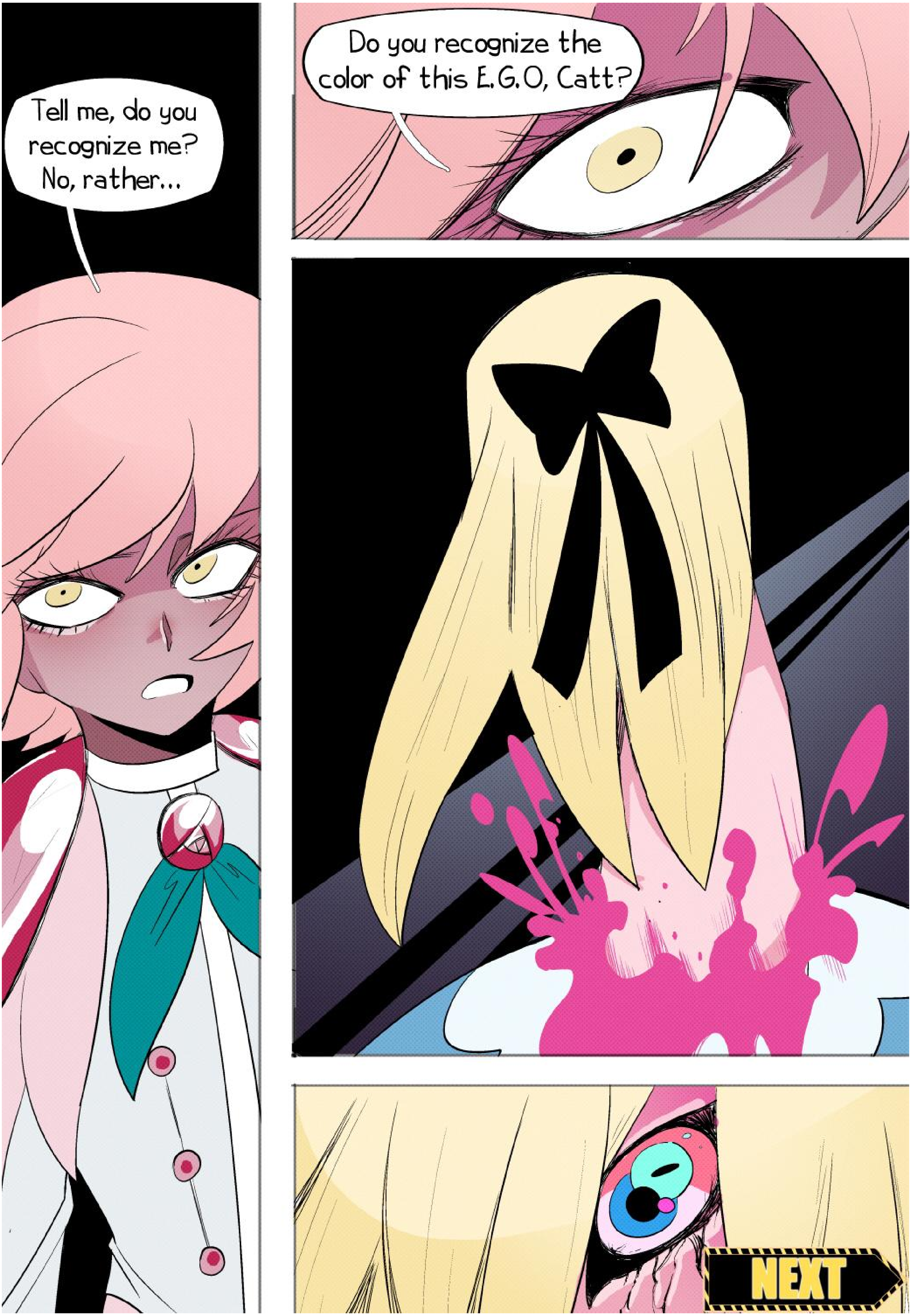
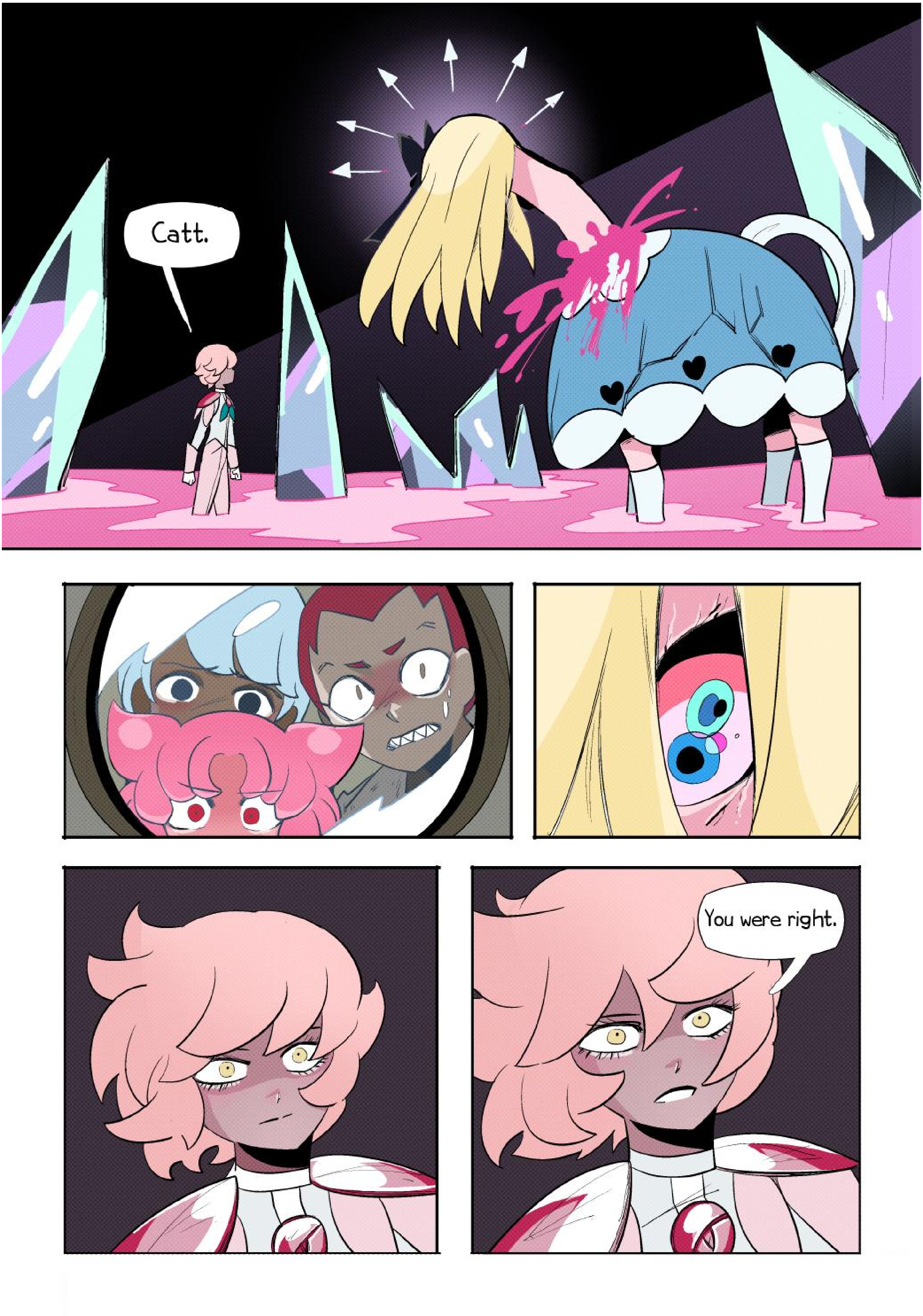
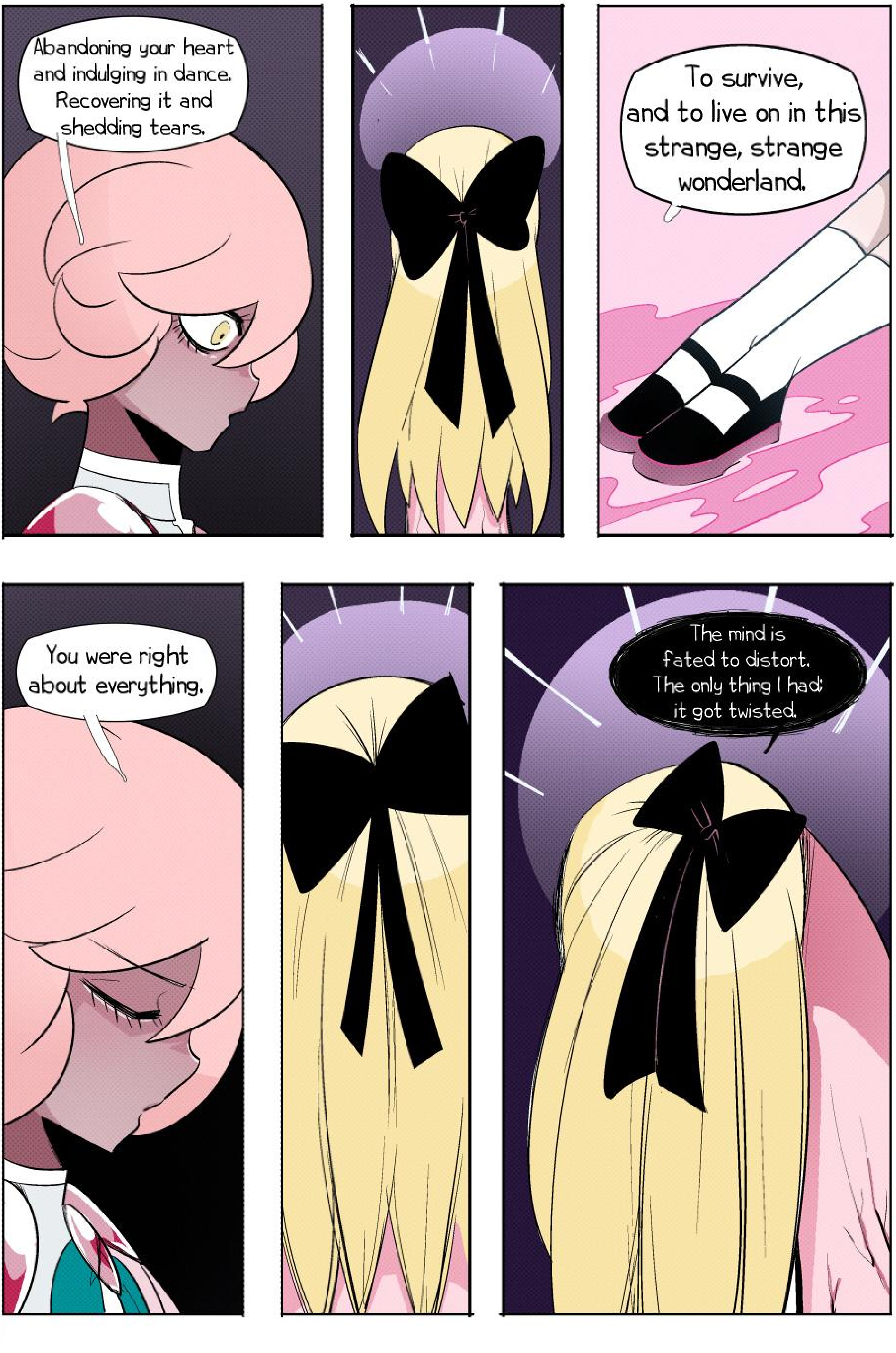
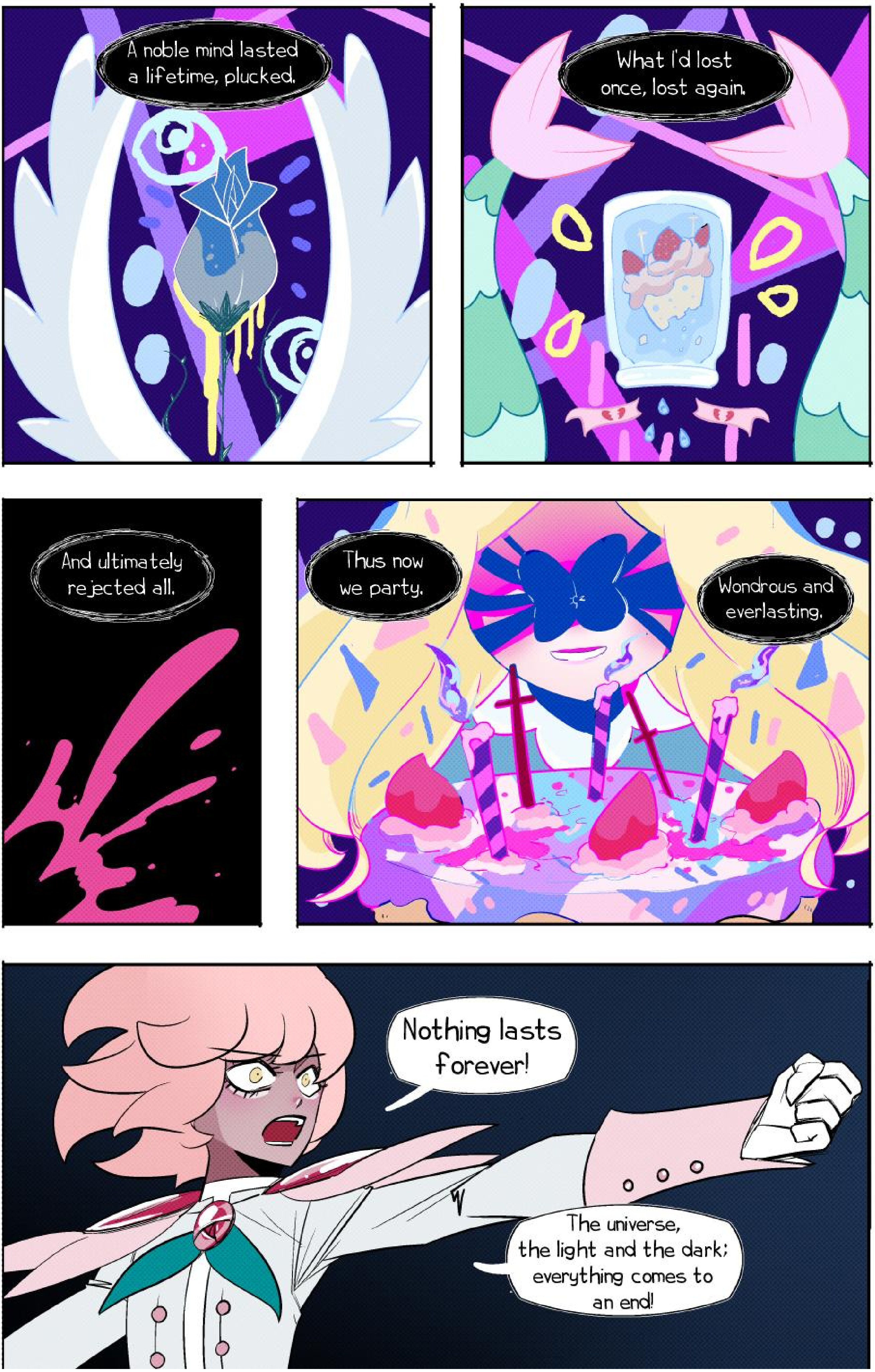
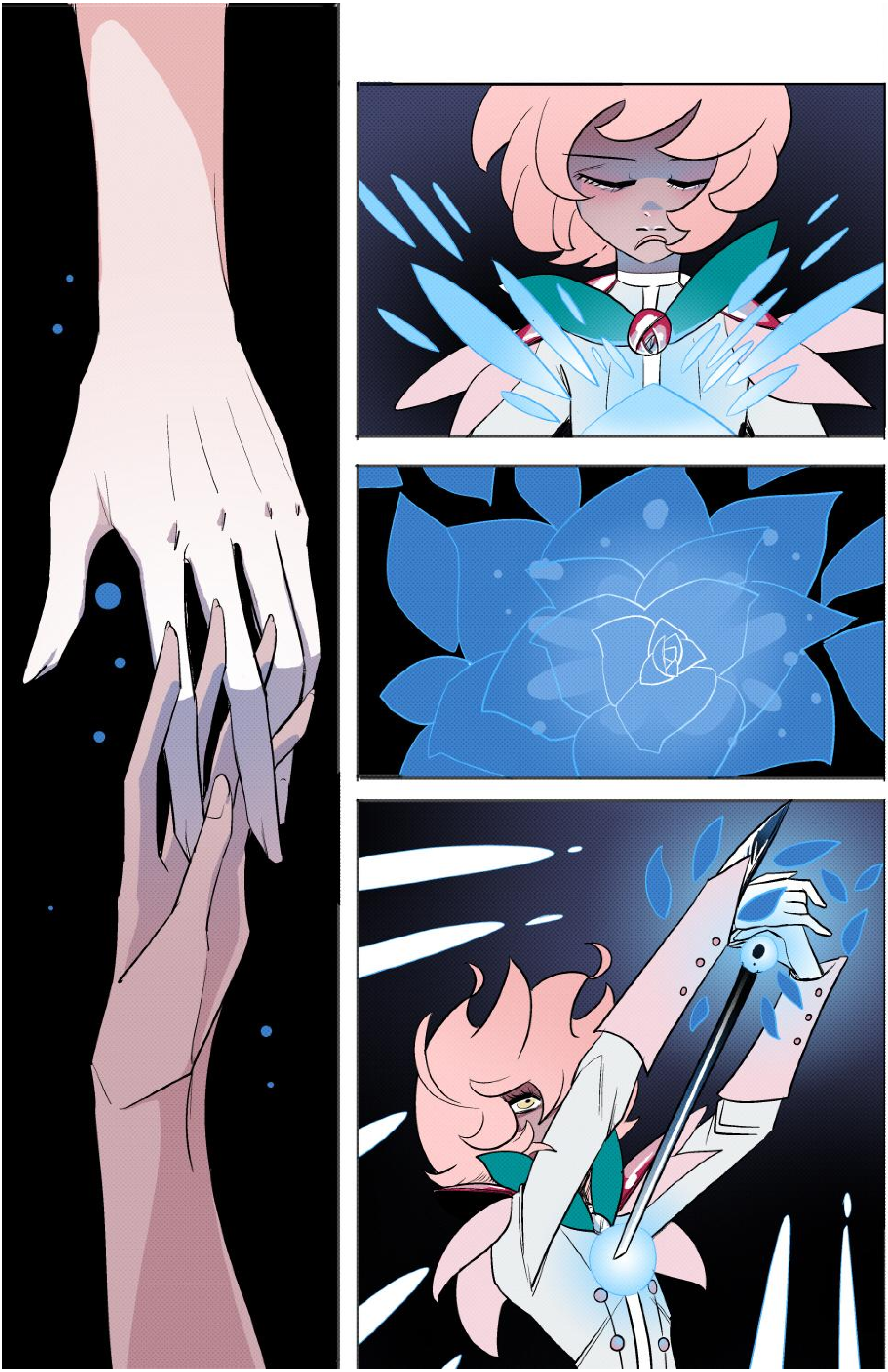
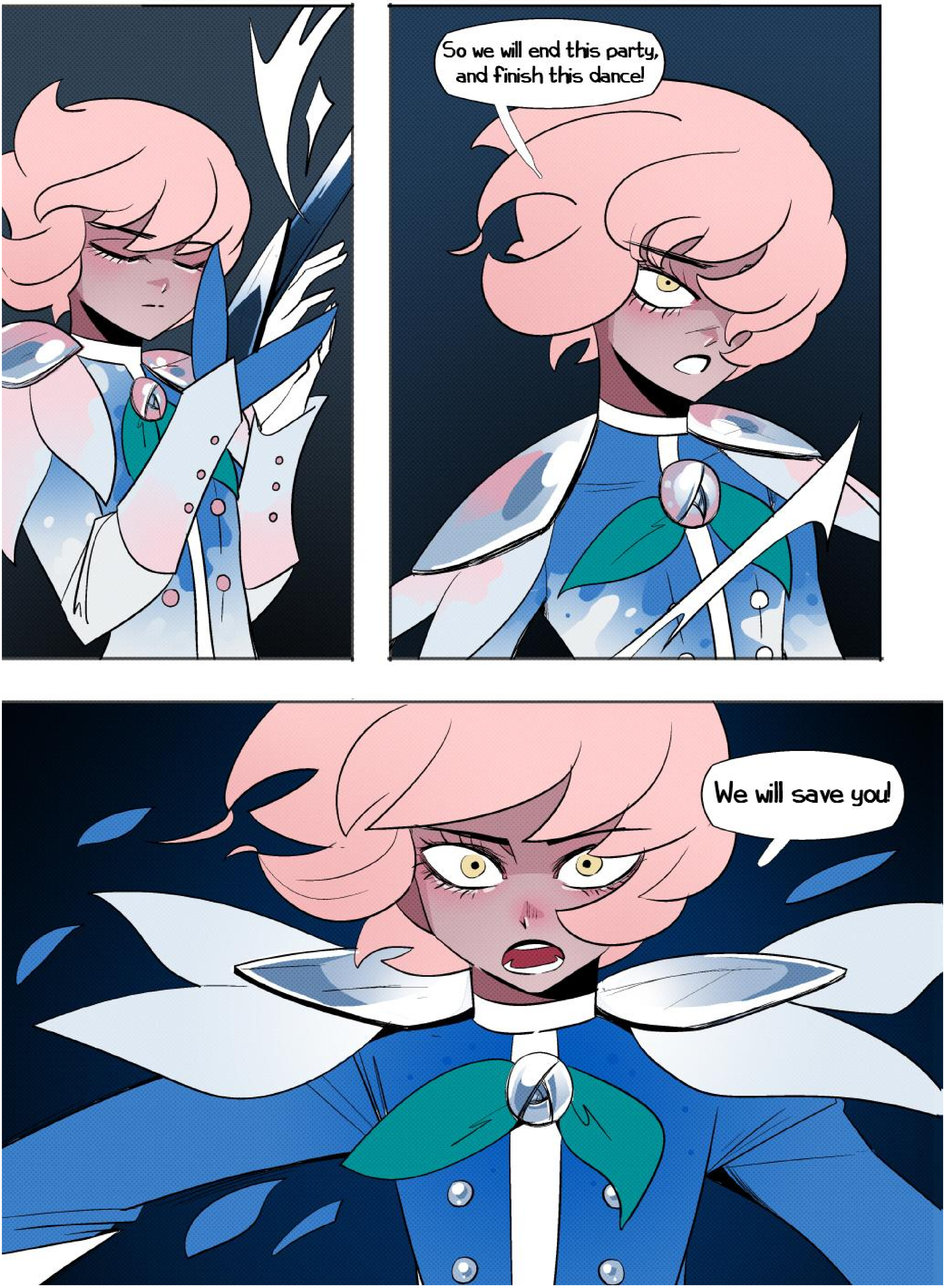

Tell me, do you recognize me? No, rather...
Do you recognize the color of this E.G.O, Catt?

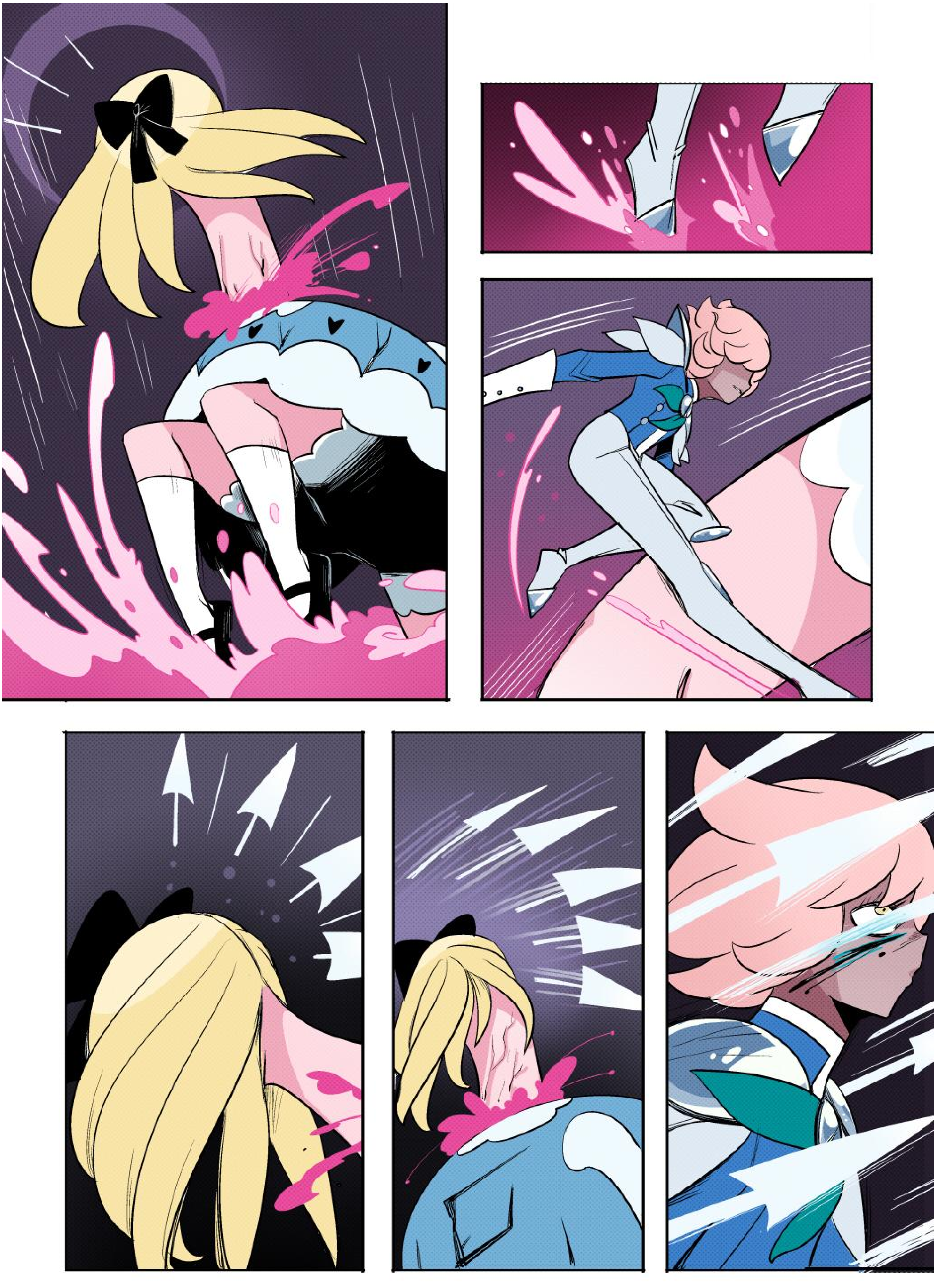

Catt.
You were right.

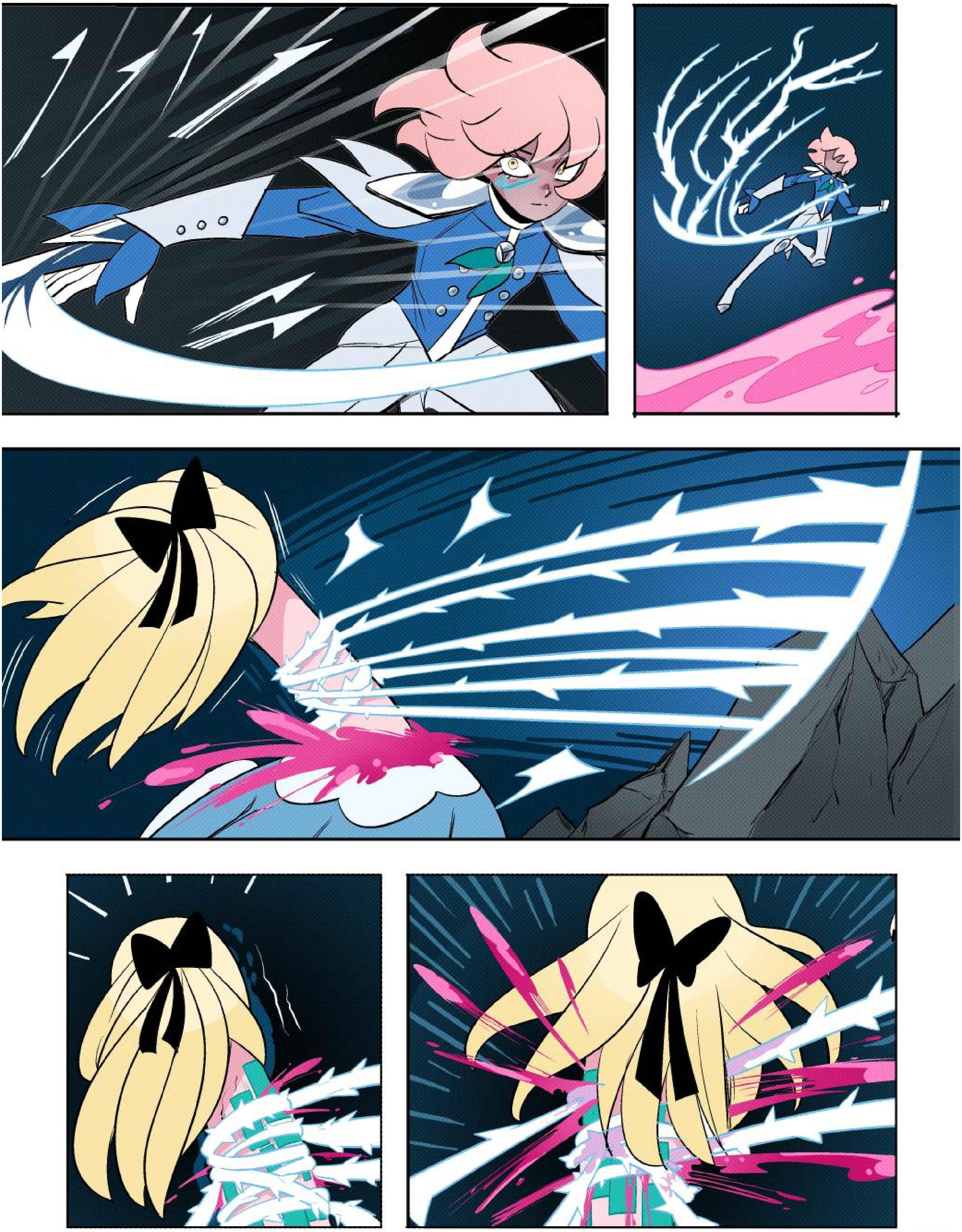

Abandoning your heart and indulging in dance. Recovering it and shedding tears.
To survive, and to live on in this strange, strange wonderland.
You were right about everything.
The mind is fated to distort. The only thing I had: it got twisted.

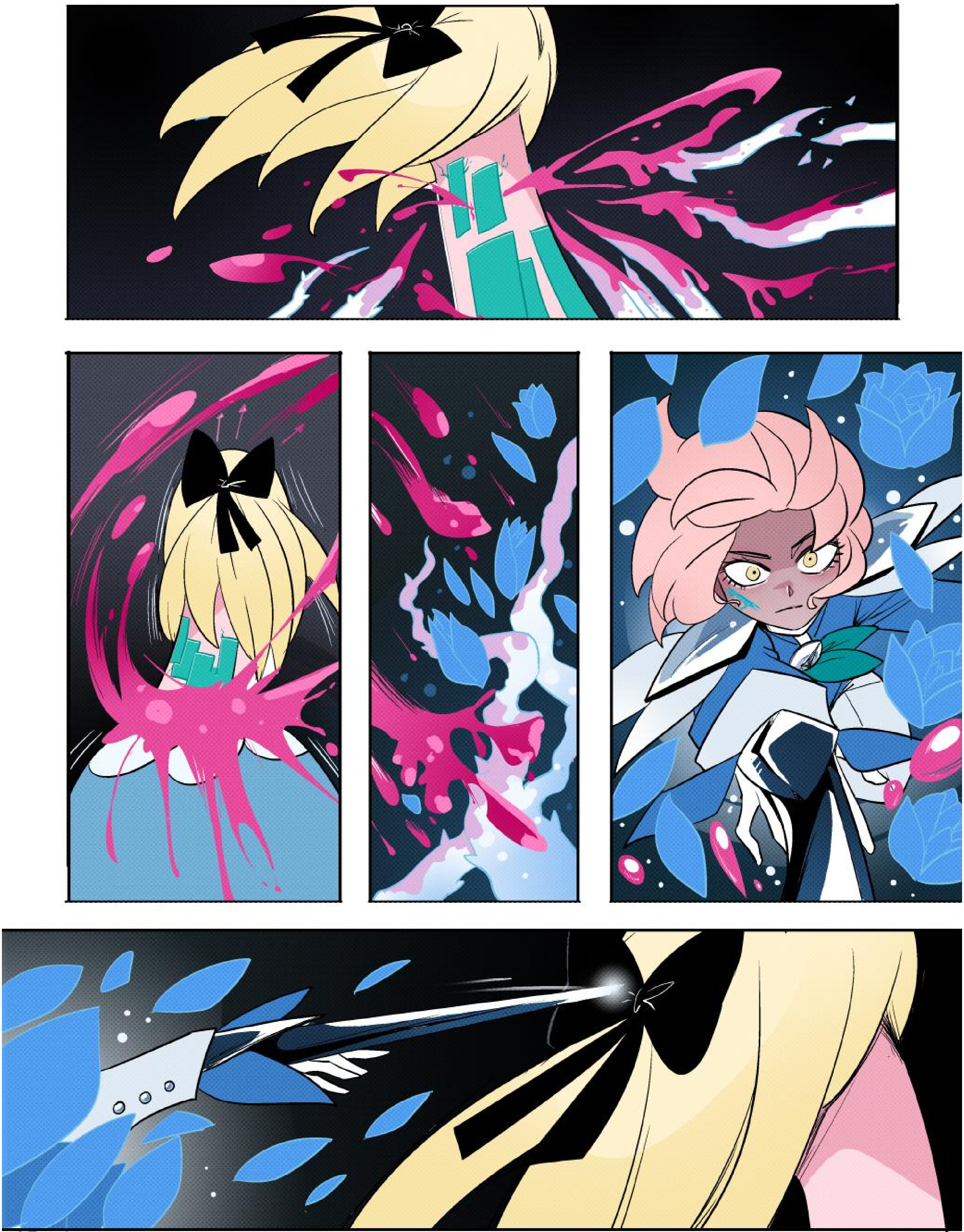

A noble mind lasted a lifetime, plucked.
What I'd lost once, lost again.
And ultimately rejected all.
Thus now we party.
Wondrous and everlasting.
Nothing lasts forever!
The universe, the light and the dark; everything comes to an end!

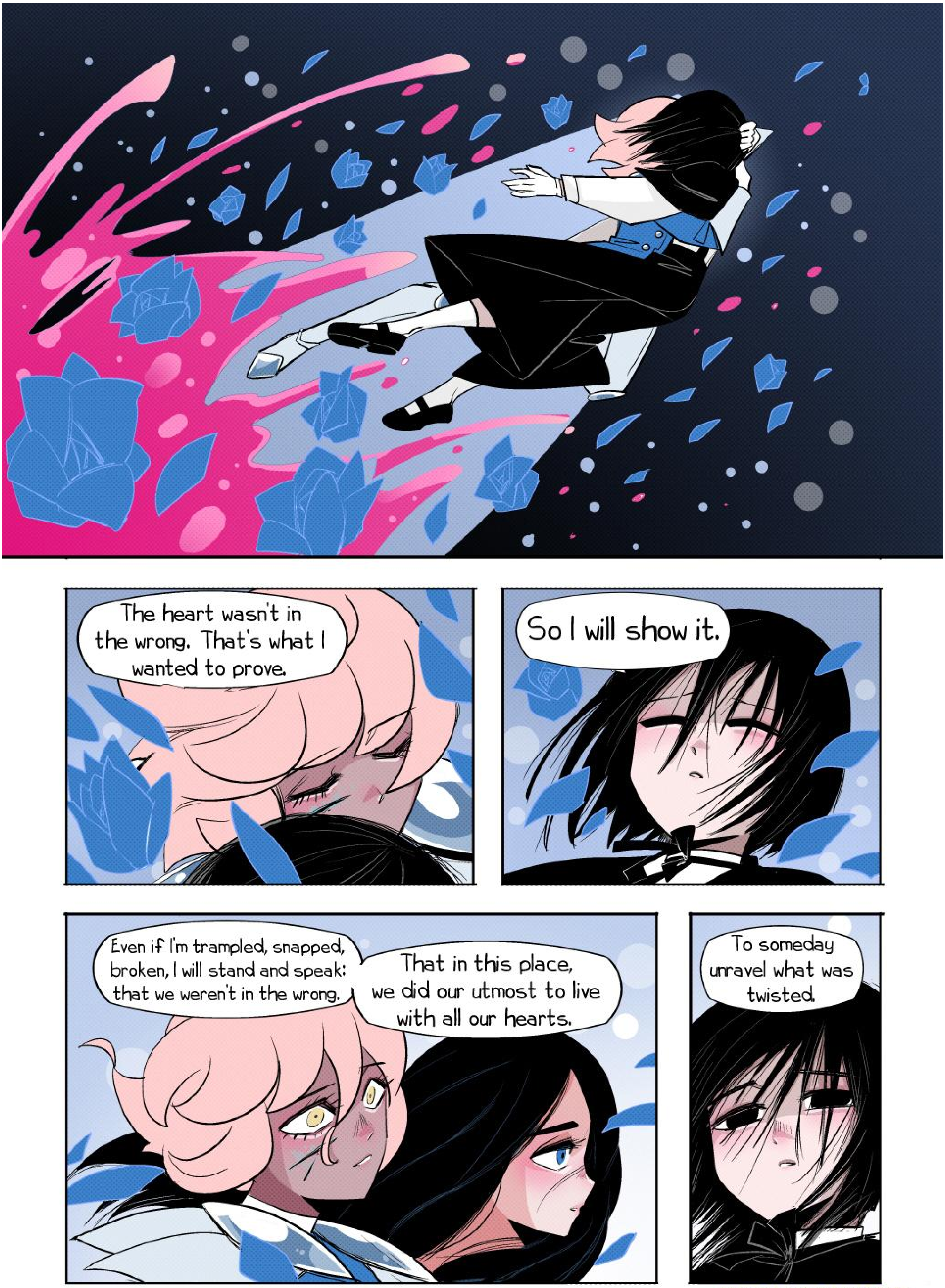



So we will end this party, and finish this dance!
We will save you!








The heart wasn't in the wrong. That's what I wanted to prove.
So I will show it.
Even if I'm trampled, snapped, broken, I will stand and speak: that we weren't in the wrong.
That in this place, we did our utmost to live with all our hearts.
To someday unravel what was twisted.

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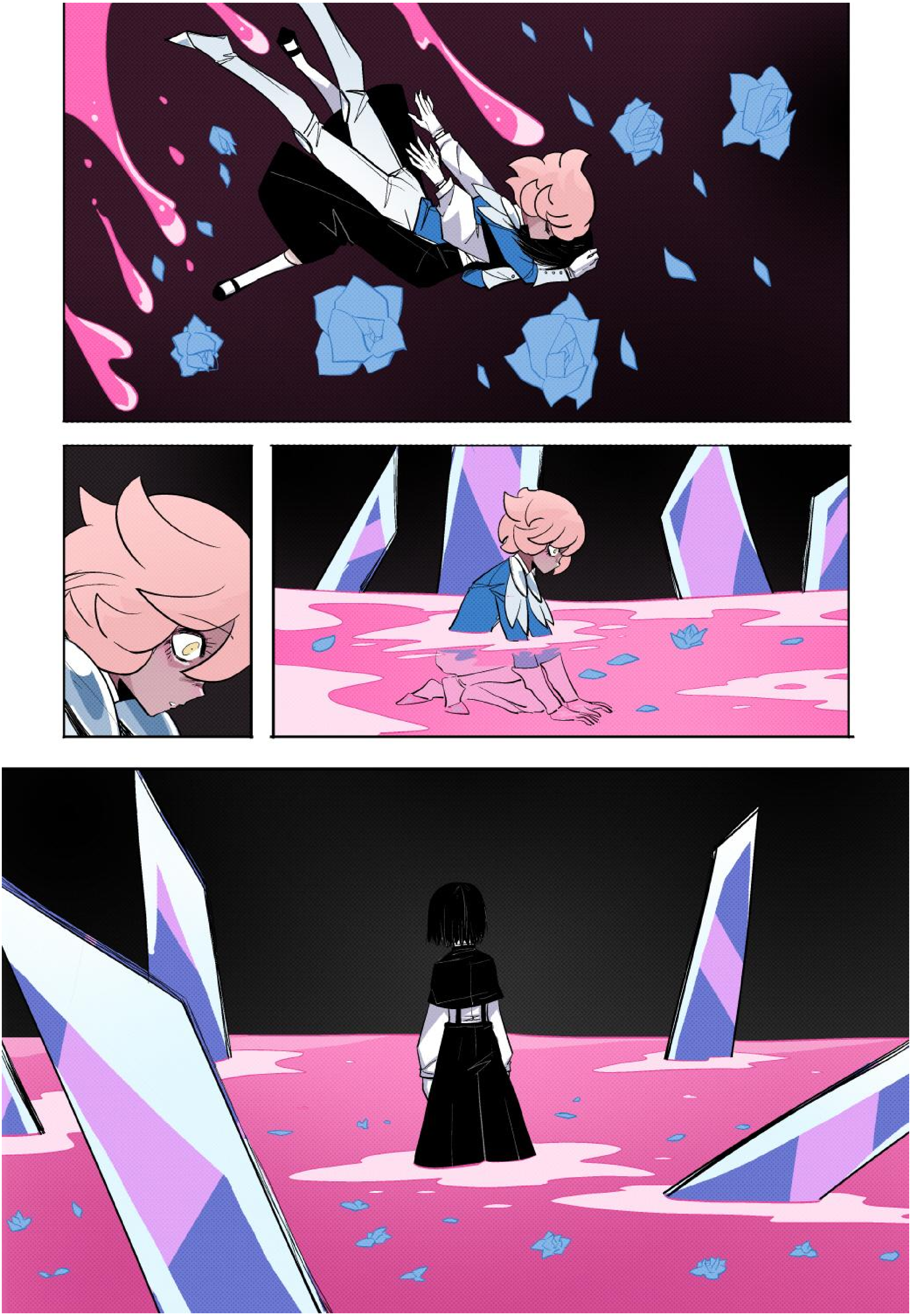
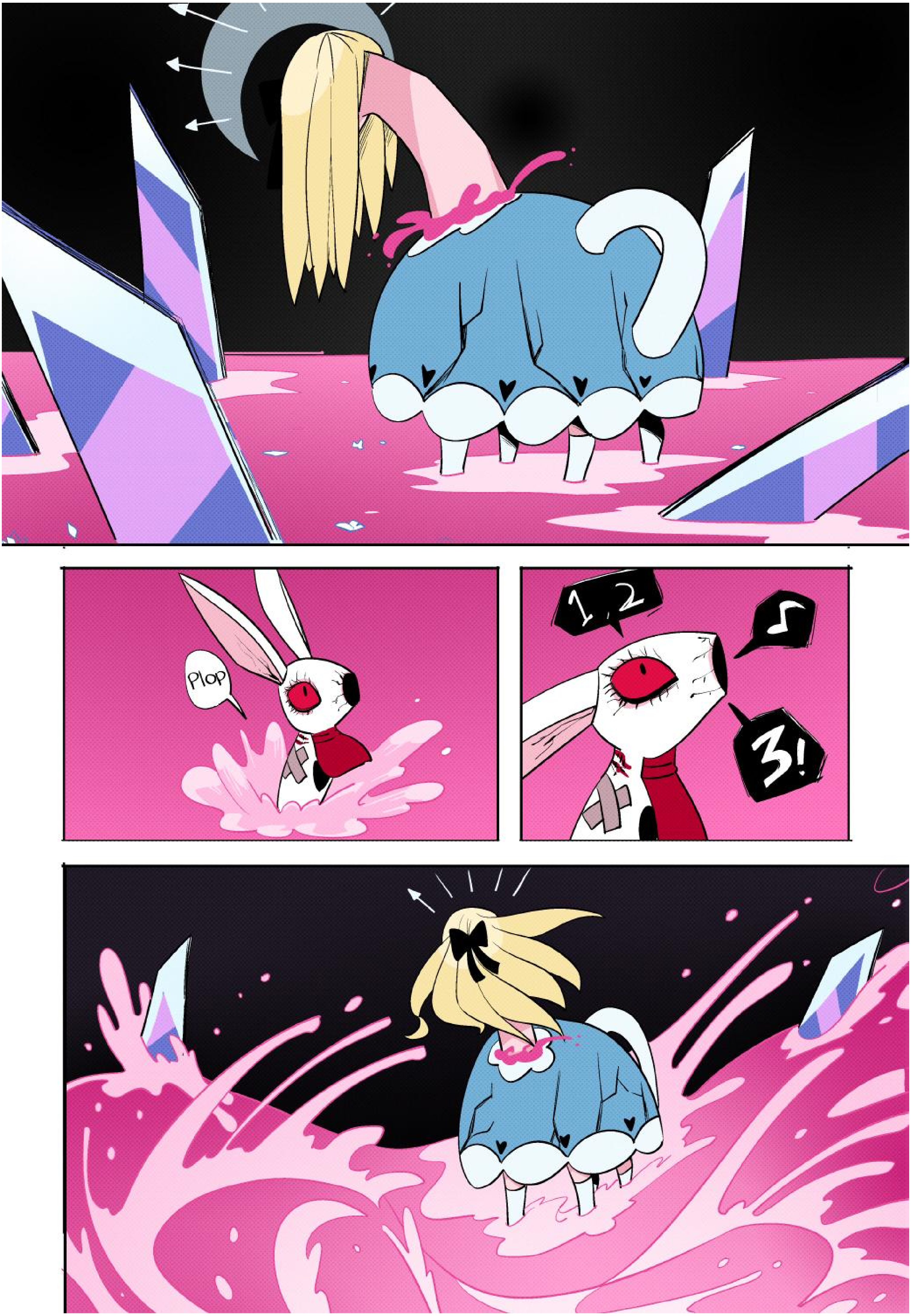
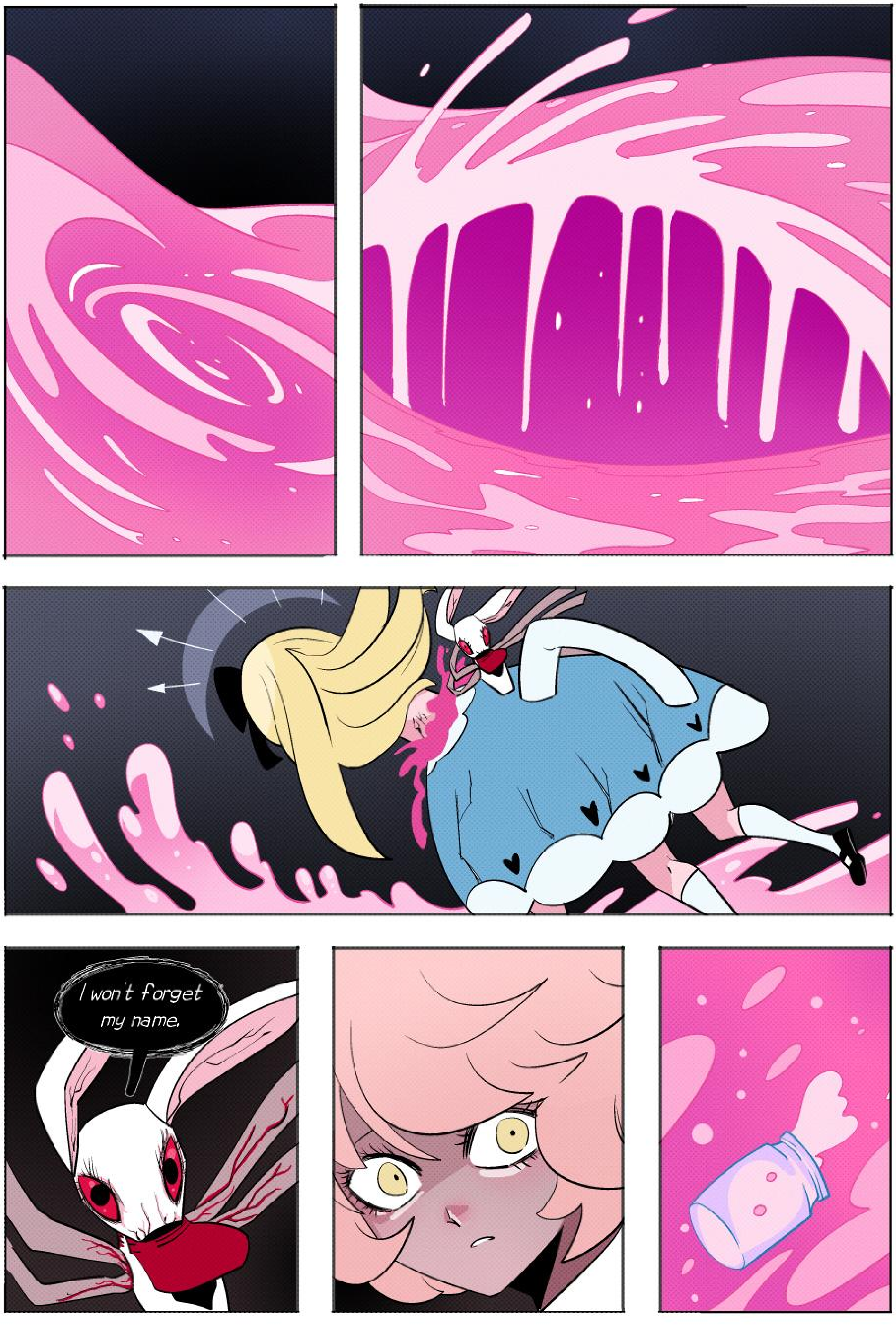
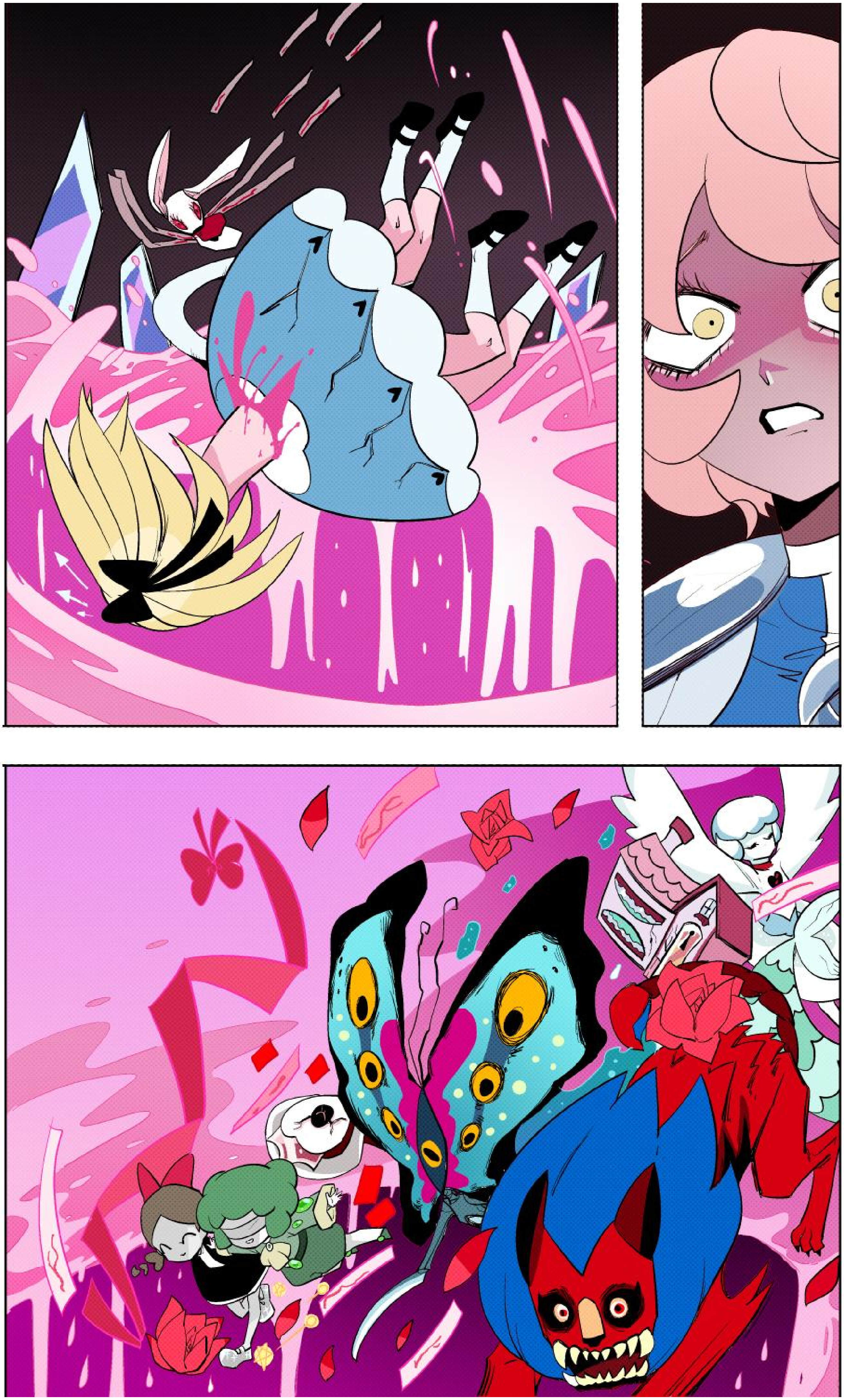
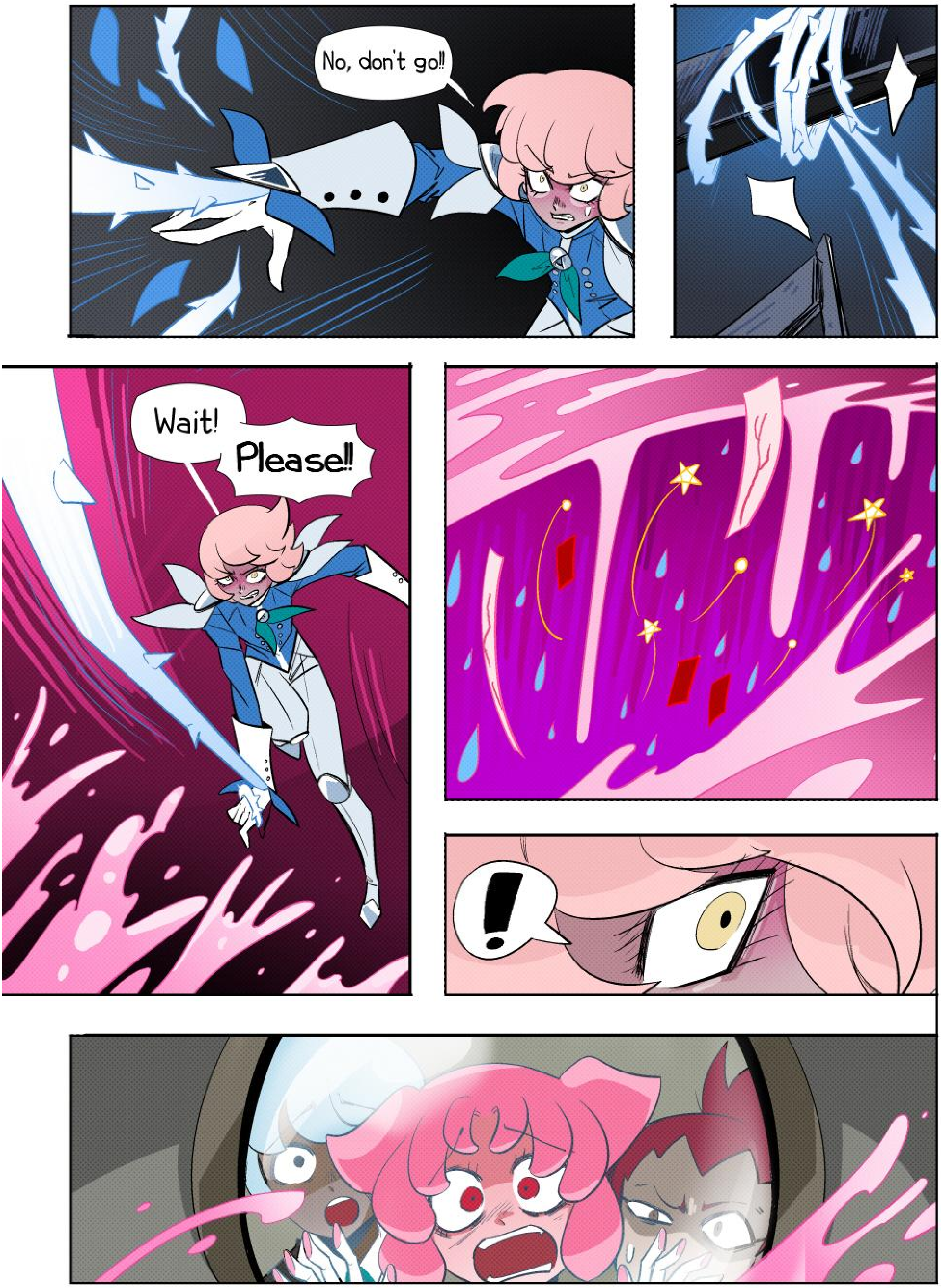



Plop
1, 2
♪
3!


I won't forget my name.




No, don't go!!
Wait!
Please!!
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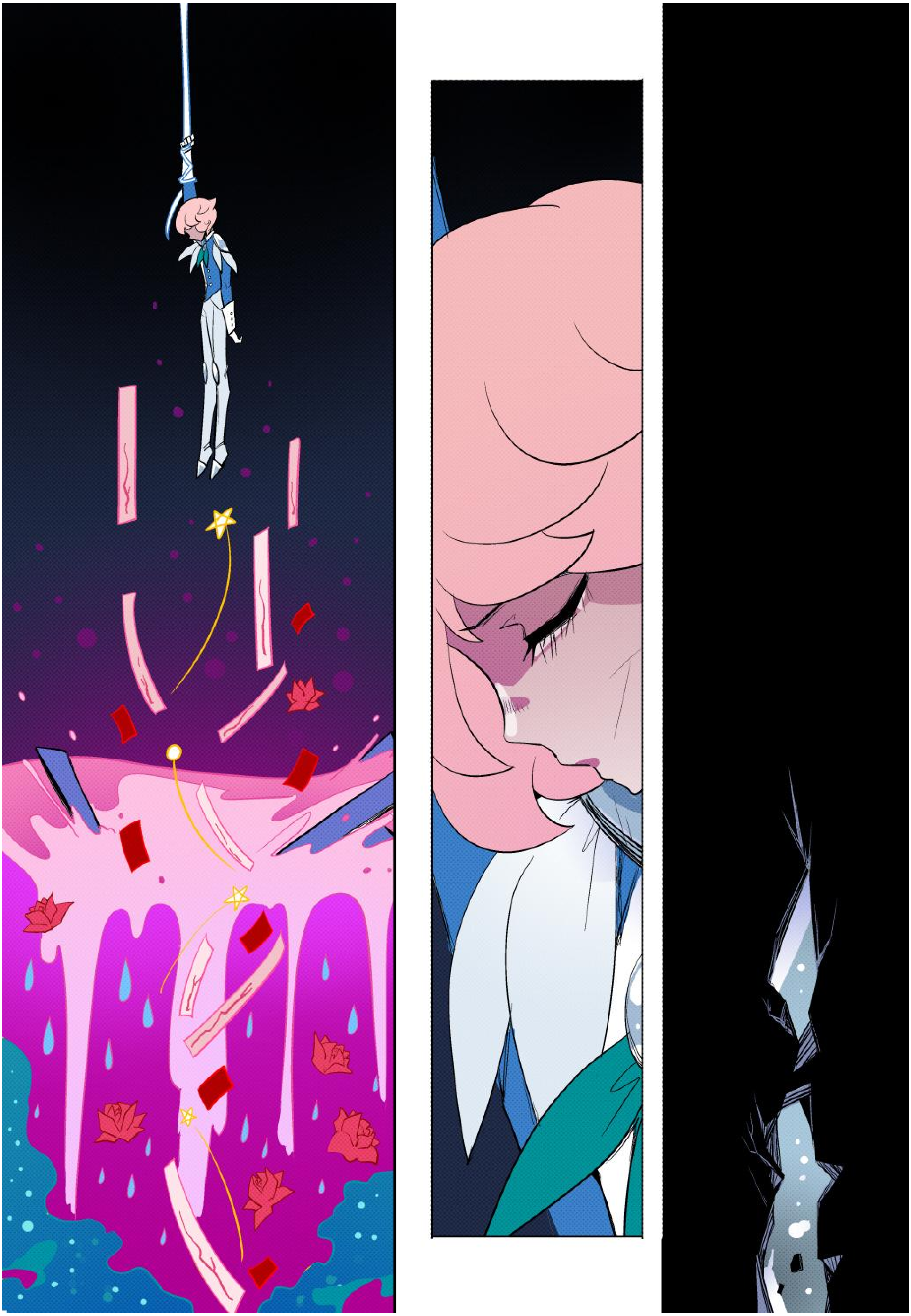
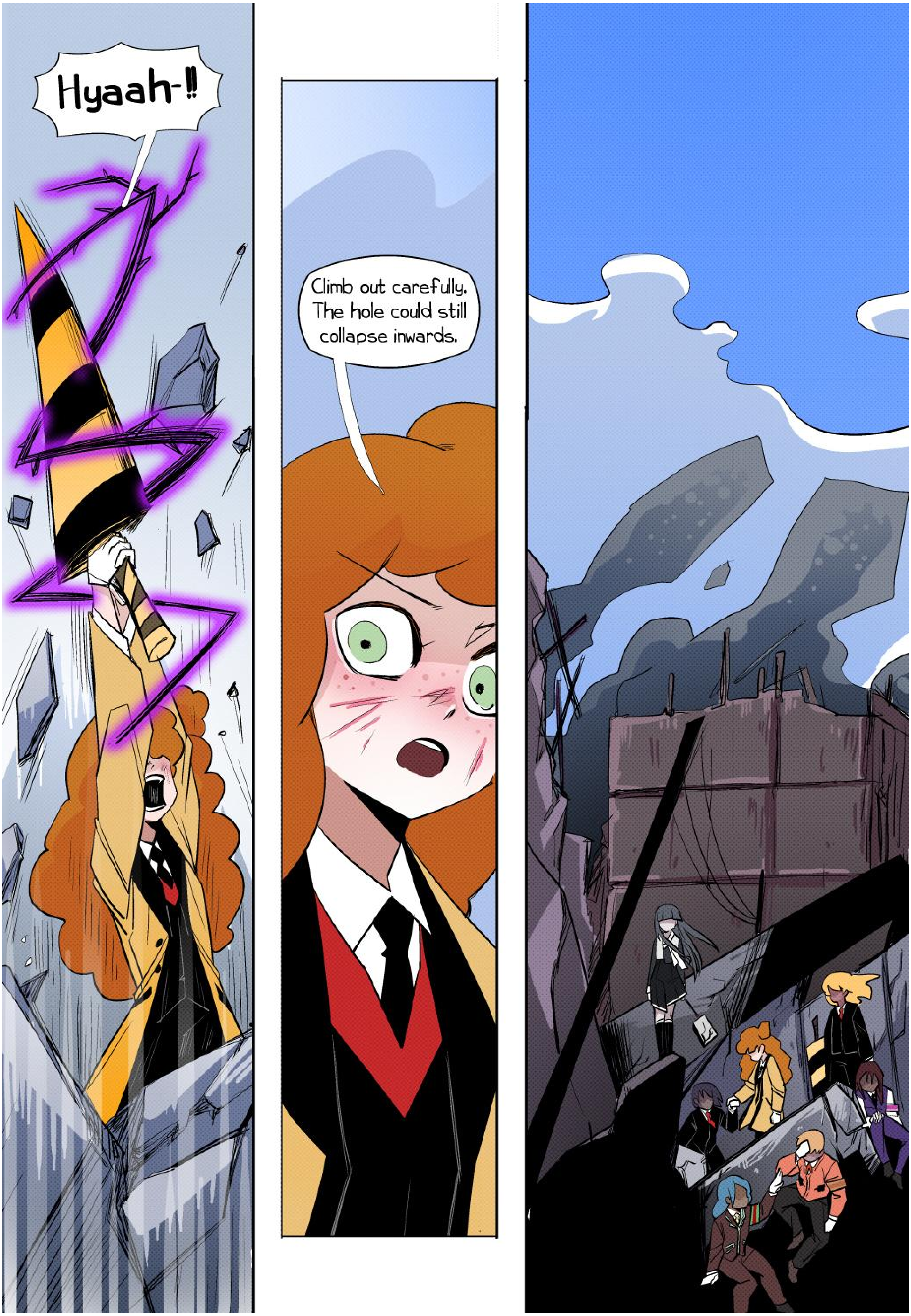
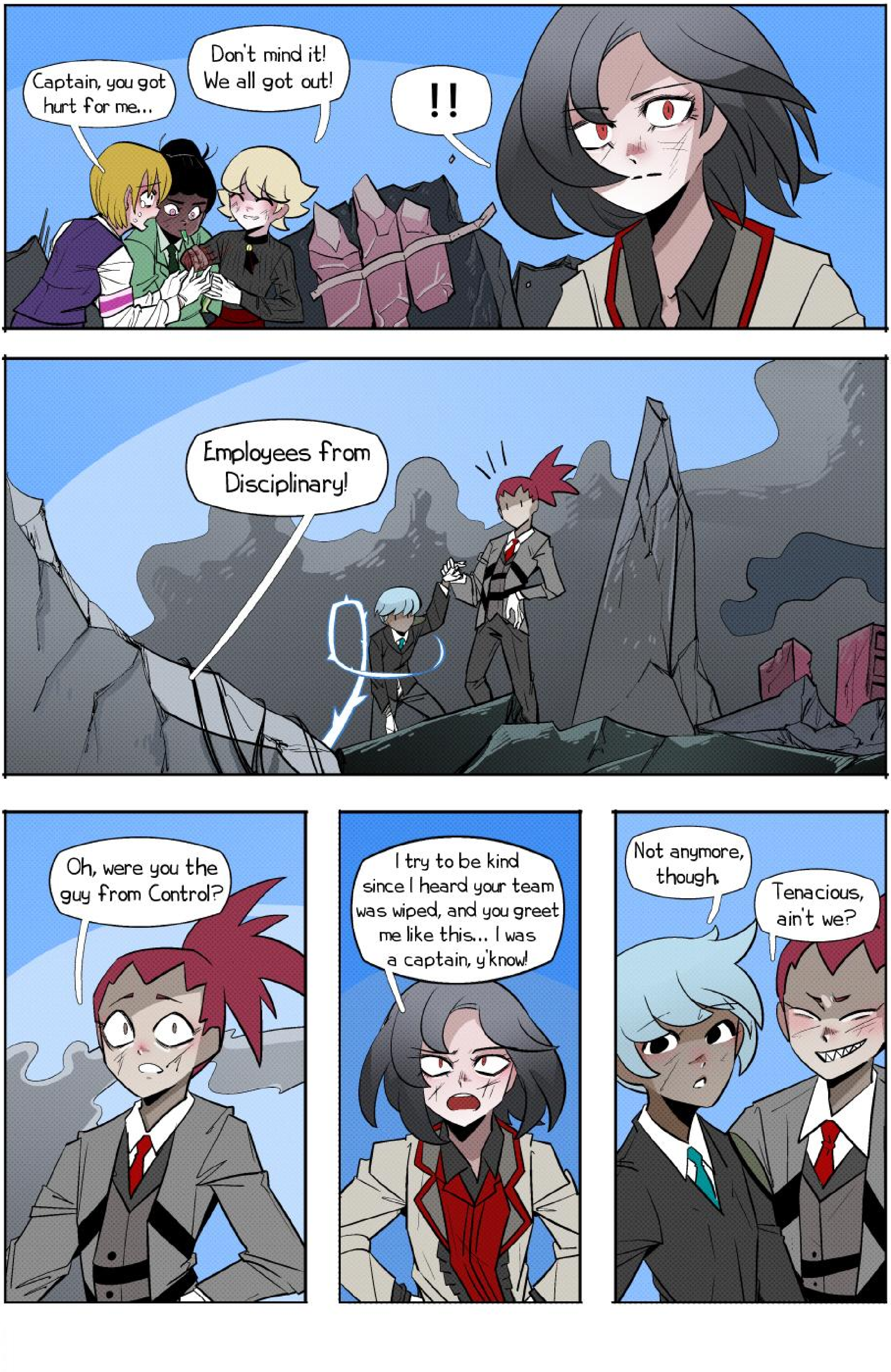



Hyaah-!!
Climb out carefully. The hole could still collapse inwards.


Captain, you got hurt for me...
Don't mind it! We all got out!
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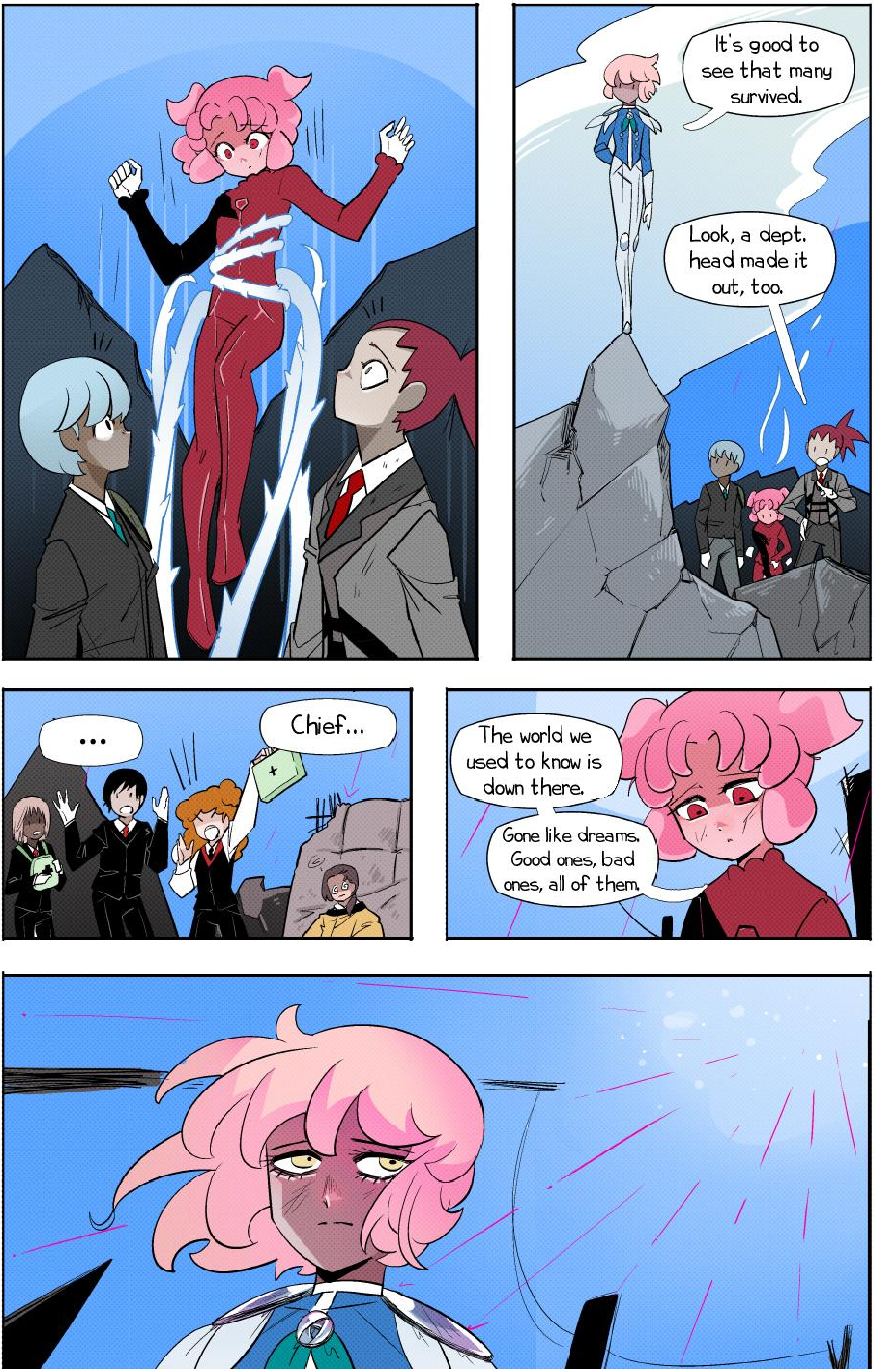
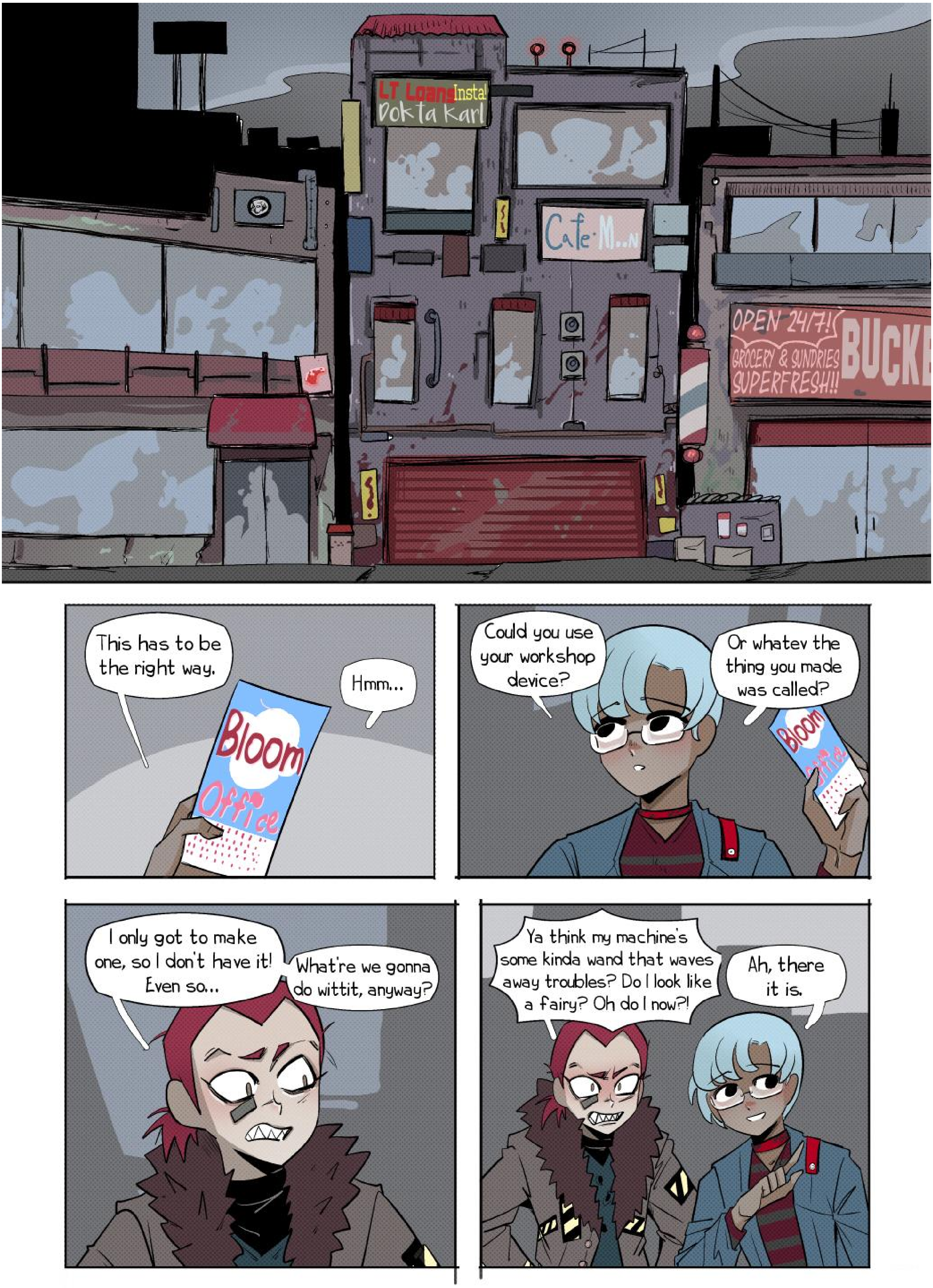
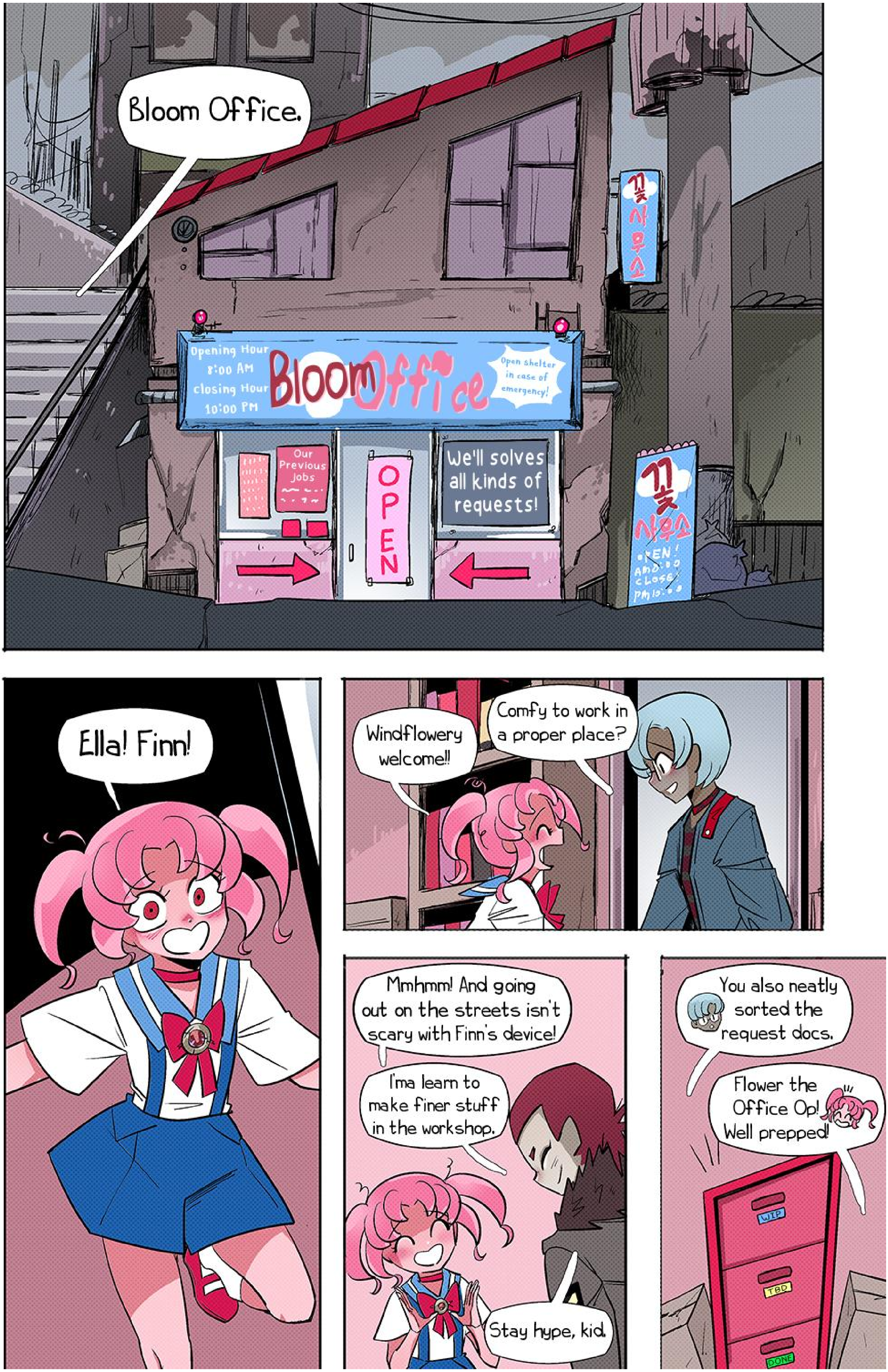
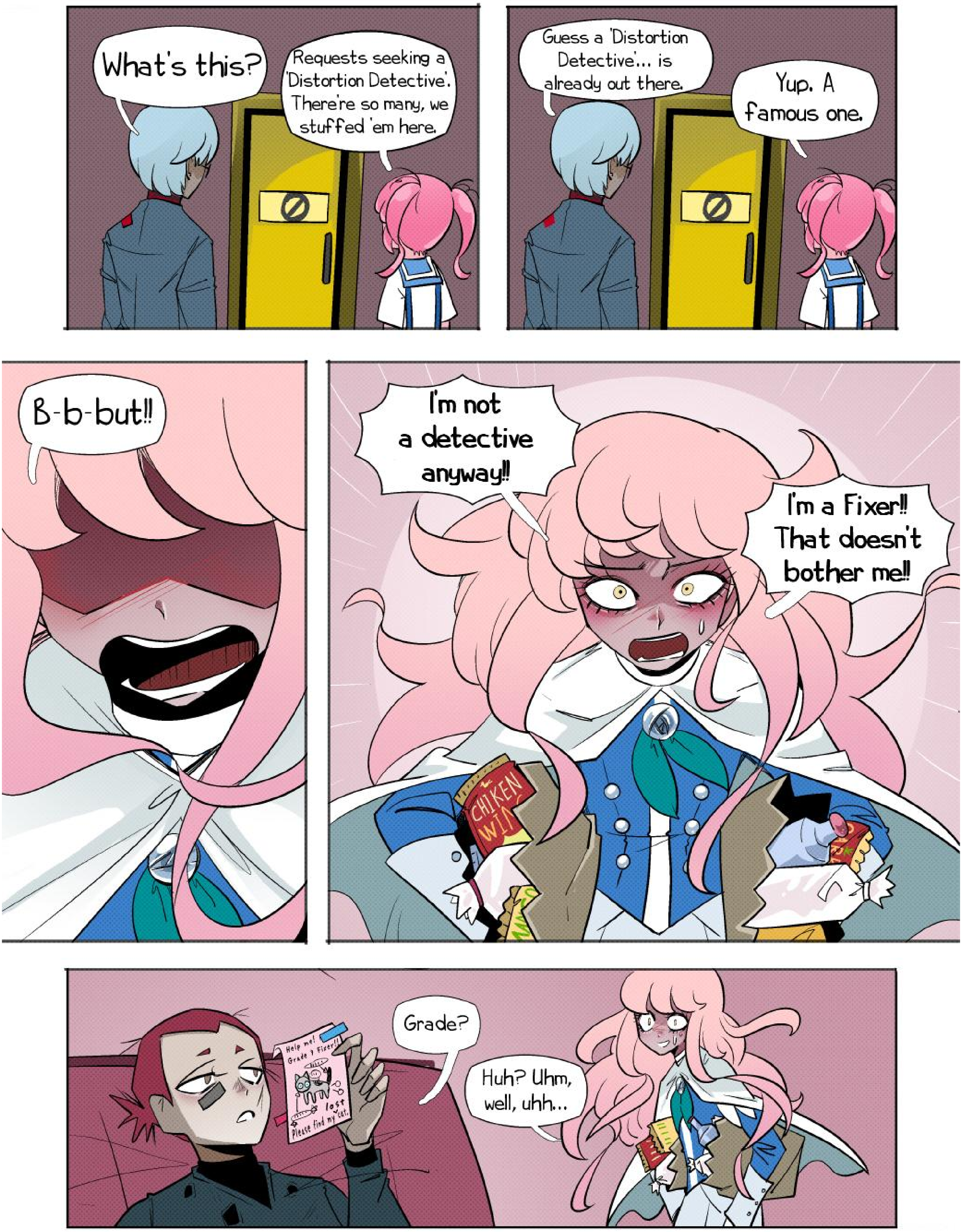
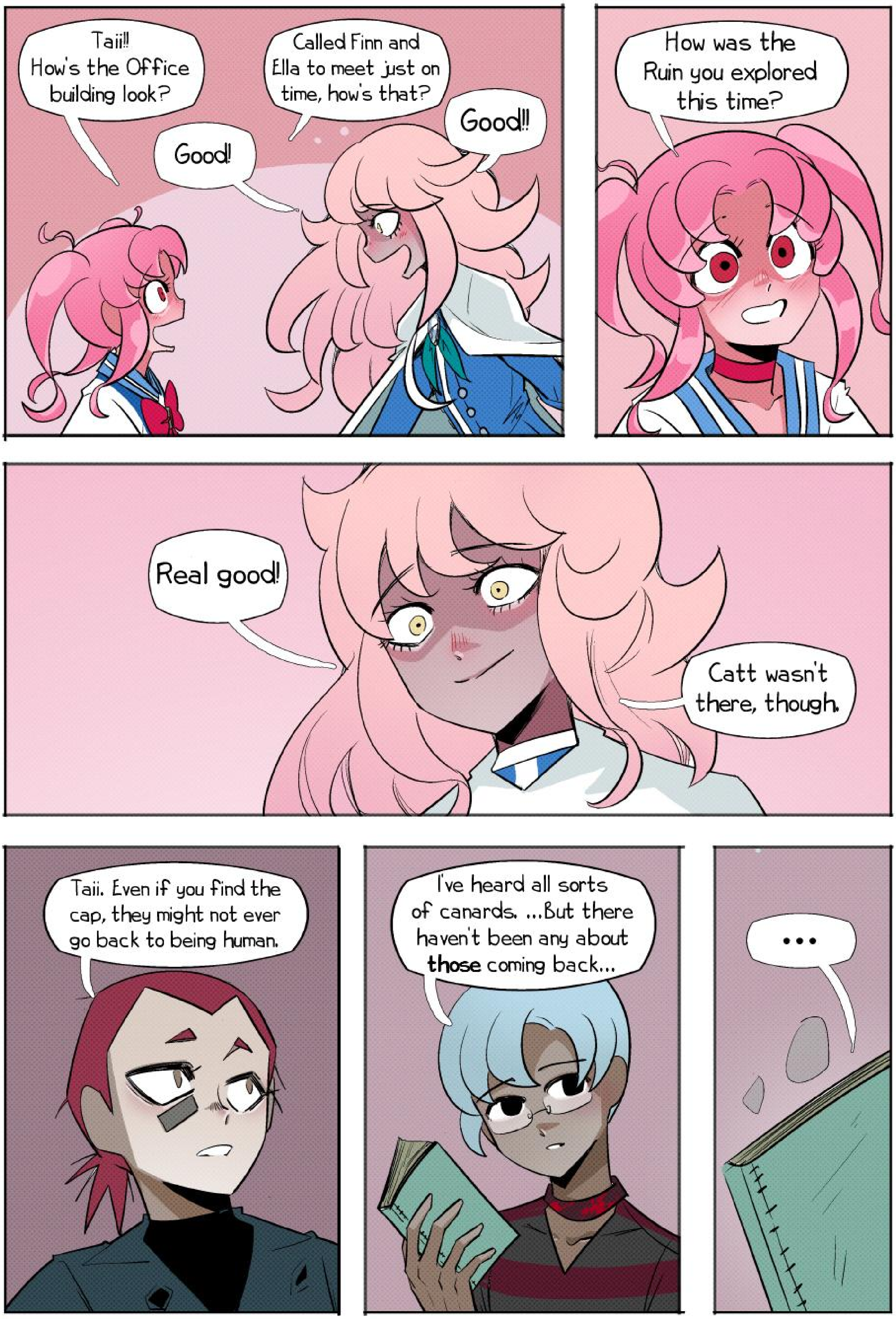
Employees from Disciplinary!
Oh, were you the guy from Control?
I try to be kind since I heard your team was wiped, and you greet me like this... I was a captain, y'know!
Not anymore, though.
Tenacious, ain't we?


It's good to see that many survived.
Look, a dept. head made it out, too.
...
Chief...
The world we used to know is down there.
Gone like dreams. Good ones, bad ones, all of them.


LT Loans
Insta!
Dokta Karl
Cafe M..N
OPEN 24/7!
GROCERY & SUNDRIES
SUPERFRESH!!
BUCKE
This has to be the right way.
Hmm...
Bloom Office
Could you use your workshop device?
Or whatev the thing you made was called?
Bloom Office
I only got to make one, so I don't have it! Even so...
What're we gonna do wittit, anyway?
Ya think my machine's some kinda wand that waves away troubles? Do I look like a fairy? Oh do I now?!
Ah, there it is.


Bloom Office.
꽃 사무소
Opening Hour 8:00 AM closing Hour 10:00 PM
Bloom Office
Open shelter in case of emergency!
Our Previous Jobs
OPEN
We'll solves all kinds of requests!
꽃 사무소
OPEN! AM 8:00 CLOSE PM 10:00
Ella! Finn!
Windflowery welcome!!
Comfy to work in a proper place?
Mmhmm! And going out on the streets isn't scary with Finn's device!
I'ma learn to make finer stuff in the workshop.
Stay hype, kid.
You also neatly sorted the request docs.
Flower the Office Op! Well prepped!
WIP
TBD
DONE


What's this?
Requests seeking a 'Distortion Detective'. There're so many, we stuffed 'em here.
Guess a 'Distortion Detective'... is already out there.
Yup. A famous one.
B-b-but!!
I'm not a detective anyway!!
I'm a Fixer!! That doesn't bother me!!
CHIKEN WI
Help me! Grade 1 Fixer!!
lost
Please find my cat.
Grade?
Huh? Uhm, well, uhh...


Taii!! How's the Office building look?
Good!
Called Finn and Ella to meet just on time, how's that?
Good!!
How was the Ruin you explored this time?
Real good!
Catt wasn't there, though.
Taii. Even if you find the cap, they might not ever go back to being human.
I've heard all sorts of canards. ...But there haven't been any about **those** coming back...
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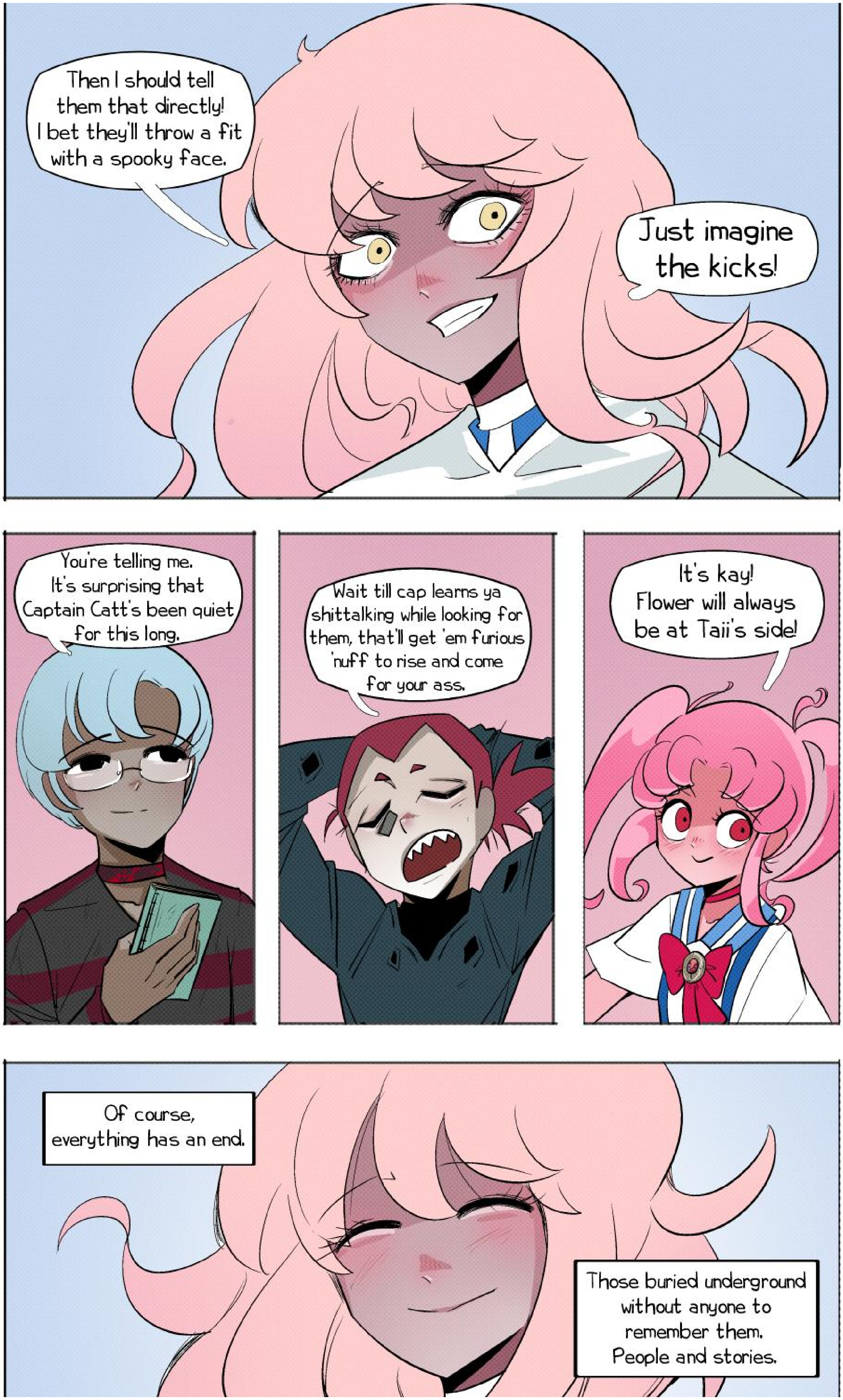
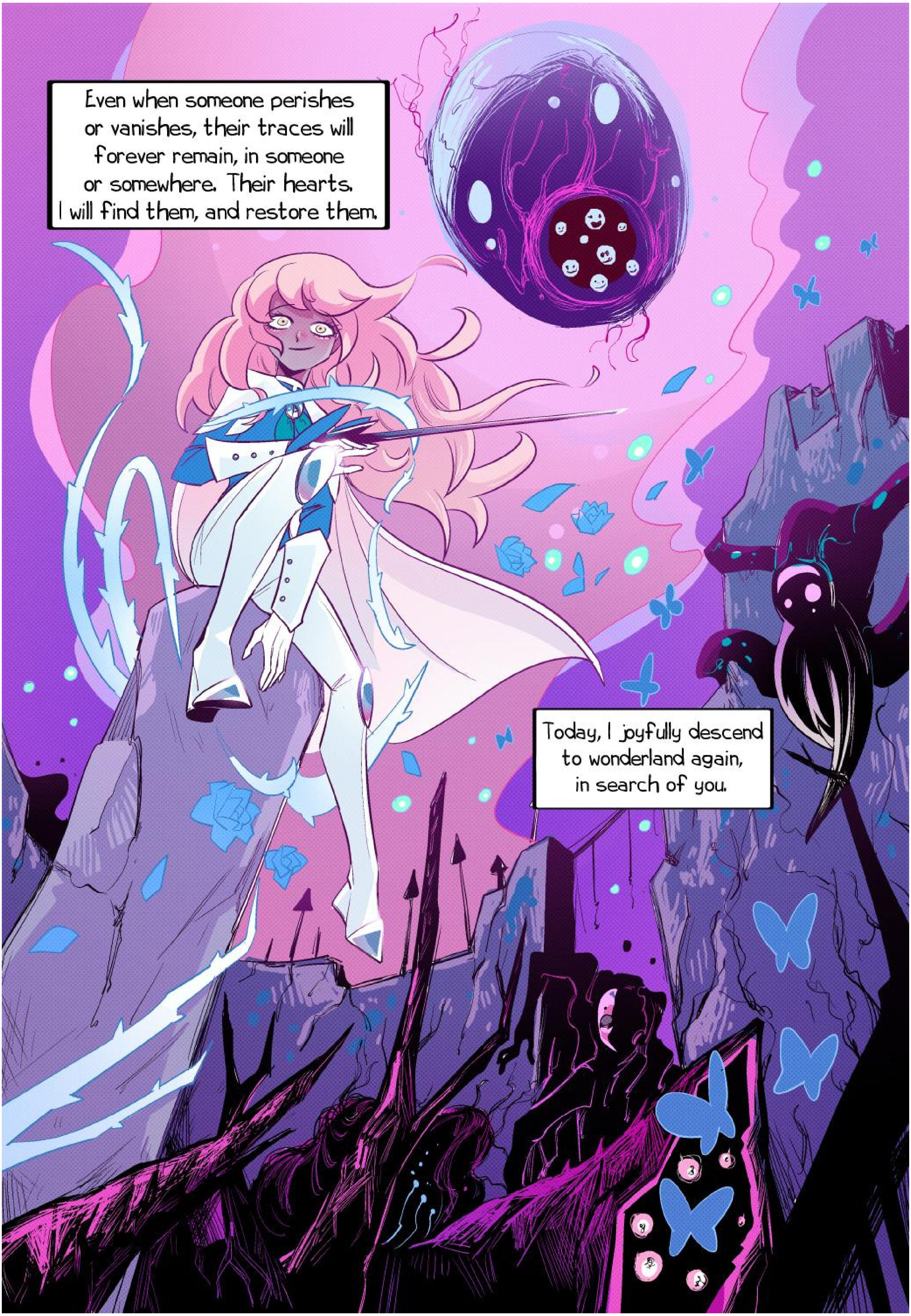

Then I should tell them that directly! I bet they'll throw a fit with a spooky face.
Just imagine the kicks!
You're telling me. It's surprising that Captain Catt's been quiet for this long.
Wait till cap learns ya shittalking while looking for them, that'll get 'em furious 'nuff to rise and come for your ass.
It's kay! Flower will always be at Taii's side!
Of course, everything has an end.
Those buried underground without anyone to remember them. People and stories.


Even when someone perishes or vanishes, their traces will forever remain, in someone or somewhere. Their hearts. I will find them, and restore them.
Today, I joyfully descend to wonderland again, in search of you.